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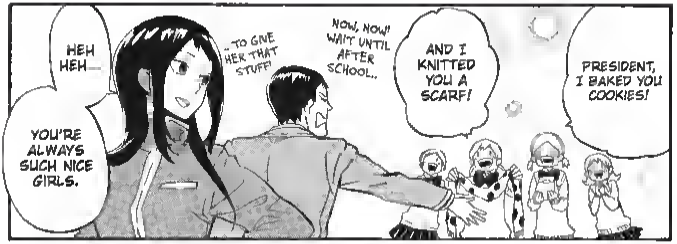
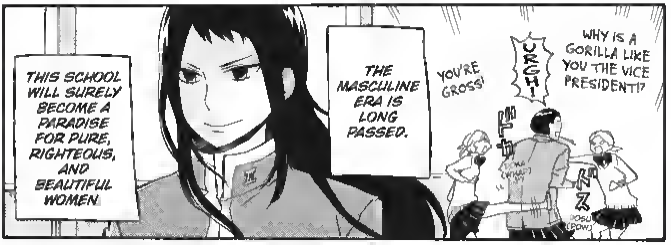
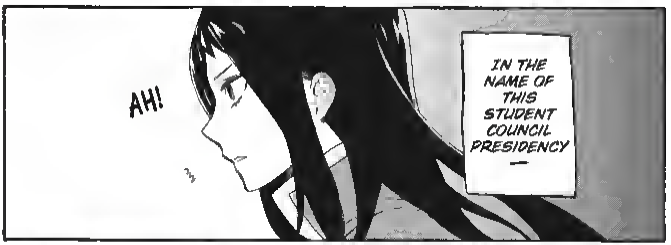
THEY WERE ALL DIRTY AND STINKY MEANIES
YOU CAN ALWAYS SMELL HER COMING!
HEY, IT'S SEWERKO!
I'VE HATED BOYS FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
AND I SET OUT TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH MY OWN HANDS...
TOO BAD! SO SAD! SEWERKO'S MAD!
DON'T CALL ME "SEWERKO"!
"I'M NOT LOSING TO THOSE JERKS!"
IN MY HEART, I MADE THIS VOW—
HEY, YOU! ISN'T YOUR SKIRT A LITTLE SHORT!?
I'D START BY REFORMING MY SCHOOL...
...INTO ONE WHERE WOMEN HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
VICE PRINCIPAL
WHO ARE YOU CALLING "OLD MAN"!?
KYAH!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT, OLD MAN!?

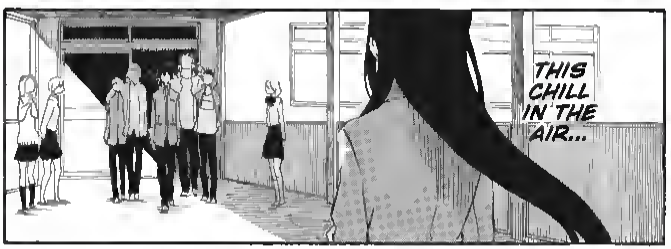
WOULDN'T YOUR CURRENT BEHAVIOR QUALIFY AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?
...AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

IT'S SAWAKO TENNOUJI-SAMA!
KYAAH!
THIS CONCERNS A VIOLATION OF SCHOOL RULES!
WH—
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
YOUR INSPECTION WAS AS IF YOU WERE RUNNING YOUR TONGUE ACROSS HER HEMLINE
GUH...
THE EXACT LENGTH OF A SKIRT IN CENTIMETERS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT
SEN-PAAA!! MY DEAR-EST!
SHE'S ALWAYS SO LOVELY IN BOYS' CLOTHING!
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
...PRESI-DENT!
THAT'S OUR PRESI-DENT!
HE BACKED DOWN
HONESTLY, STUDENTS THESE DAYS...
SHOW MORE CARE FROM NOW ON!
TEE-HEE-HEE.. OKAY, I WILL!
OOPSIE!
IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS HERE THIS TIME
BUT YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL SO THAT MEN CAN'T USE STUPID INFRACTIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU


HEH HEH—
YOU'RE ALWAYS SUCH NICE GIRLS.
...TO GIVE HER THAT STUFF!
NOW, NOW! WAIT UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL..
AND I KNITTED YOU A SCARF!
PRESIDENT, I BAKED YOU COOKIES!


THIS SCHOOL WILL SURELY BECOME A PARADISE FOR PURE, RIGHTEOUS, AND BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.
THE MASCULINE ERA IS LONG PASSED.
YOU'RE GROSS!
URGH
WHY IS A GORILLA LIKE YOU THE VICE PRESIDENT!?


AH!
IN THE NAME OF THIS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENCY —


THIS CHILL IN THE AIR...

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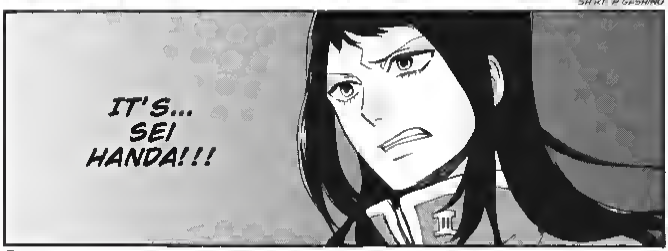
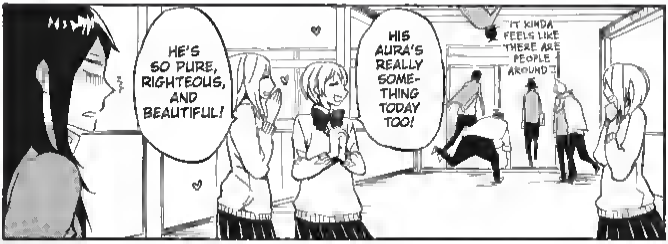
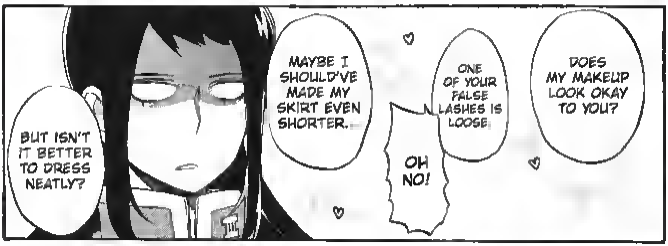
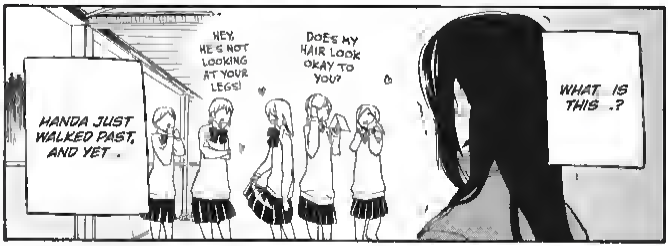
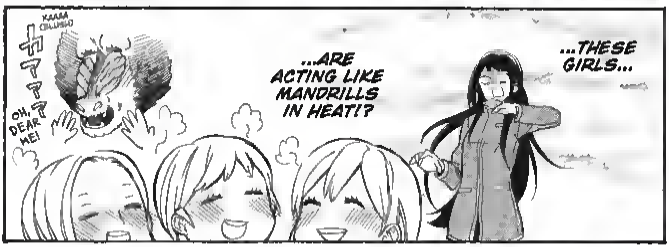

IT'S... SEI HANDA!!!

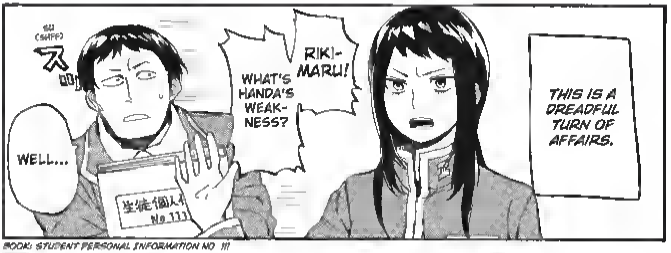
...BUT IT'S THIS THE YEAR THAT HE'S FINALLY REARED HIS HEAD...
I'D NOTED HIM WHEN HE WAS A FIRST-YEAR...
...AS ONE OF MY ENEMIES
MEN!
SO HE'S EVEN BUILDING AN ARMY..
HIS FOLLOWERS ARE A WHO'S WHO OF SECOND-YEAR MOVERS AND SHAKERS.
BA DUMP
BA DUMDUMDUM
BA DUMP
GROUP STALKING
DID I JUST PASS A GIRL WEARING A BOY'S UNIFORM?
?


HE'S SO PURE, RIGHTEOUS, AND BEAUTIFUL!
HIS AURA'S REALLY SOMETHING TODAY TOO!
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND


BUT ISN'T IT BETTER TO DRESS NEATLY?
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE MADE MY SKIRT EVEN SHORTER...
OH NO!
ONE OF YOUR FALSE LASHES IS LOOSE
DOES MY MAKEUP LOOK OKAY TO YOU?


HANDA JUST WALKED PAST, AND YET .
HEY, HE'S NOT LOOKING AT YOUR LEGS!
DOES MY HAIR LOOK OKAY TO YOU?
WHAT IS THIS .?


KAAAA CHUUUU
OH, DEAR ME!
...ARE ACTING LIKE MANDRILLS IN HEAT!?
...THESE GIRLS...



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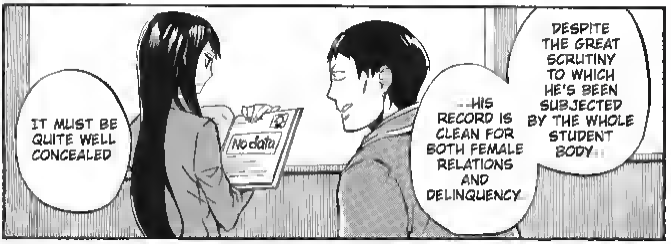
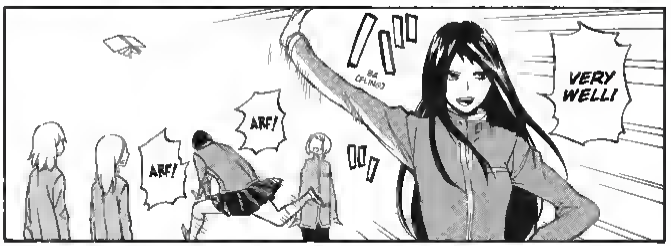
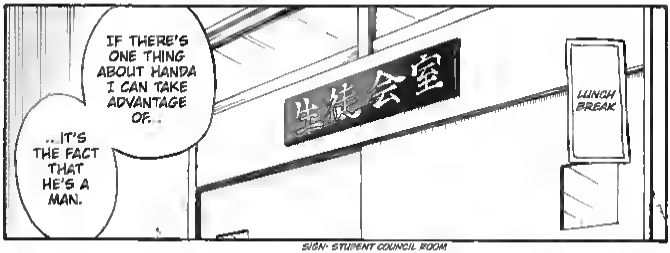
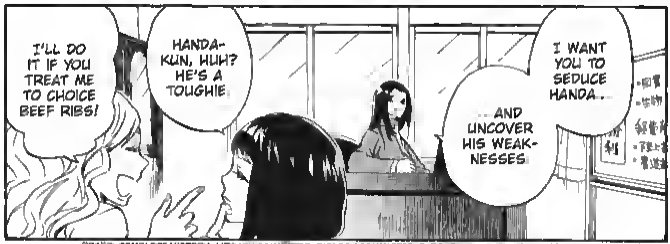

IT MUST BE QUITE WELL CONCEALED
No data
--HIS RECORD IS CLEAN FOR BOTH FEMALE RELATIONS AND DELINQUENCY
DESPITE THE GREAT SCRUTINY TO WHICH HE'S BEEN SUBJECTED BY THE WHOLE STUDENT BODY!!





SIGN: STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM

SIGN: PRESIDENT


I'LL DO IT IF YOU TREAT ME TO CHOICE BEEF RIBS!
HANDA-KUN, HUH? HE'S A TOUGHIE.
I WANT YOU TO SEDUCE HANDA...
...AND UNCOVER HIS WEAK-NESSES.

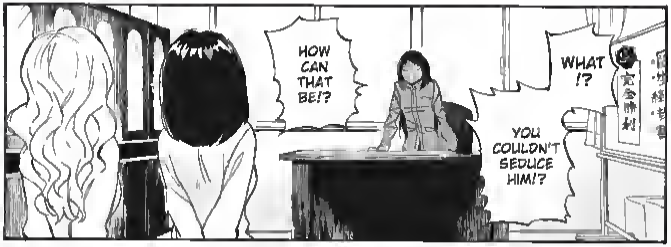
BOARD: COMPLETE VICTORY- LIBRARY COMMITTEE BIOLOGY COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE CUT— TRACK TEAM, CALLIGRAPHY CLUB

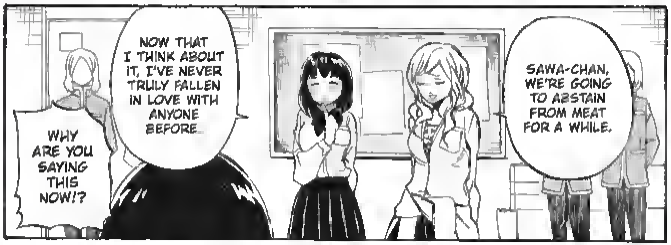
...YOU'RE QUITE LOVELY WHEN DEPLOYING A WOMAN'S WEAPONRY YOURSELF.
FOR ONE SO QUICK TO CRY "SEXUAL HARASS-MENT"!!
WRITHE IN YOUR HONEY TRAP, YOU MAN!!
YES!
NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETE

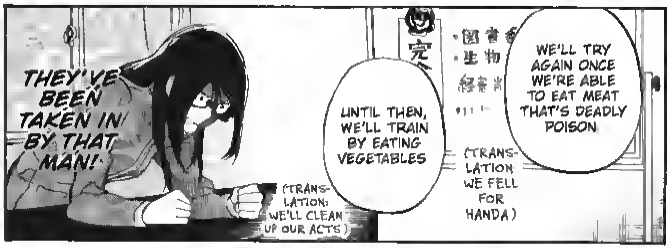
GASA GASA GASA
BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS
EH HEH HEH...
FOUND YOU, HANDA-KUN!
THE REAL ONE THIS TIME!
EATING LUNCH ALONE...
HE'S LIKE A ZEBRA JUST BEGGING TO BE PREYED UPON.
I KNOW YOU'RE OVER THERE...
NOW!
YEAH!
TWO STRAY CATS, HUH?
HE SPOTTED US!?

I CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
EVEN IF YOU WANT TO APPROACH ME...
Let's try again.
KORO
KOKO CHANGED?
Crap!
This is pretty bad!
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO EAT HERE.
YOU SHOULD VALUE YOUR-SELVES MORE
...WOULD BE DEADLY POISON FOR YOU.
MY MEAT...

.....
ZA (GORUNGO)
MEOW!
SHEESH
MEOW!
WHERE DID YOU STRAYS COME FROM?
ARE YOU AFTER THE MEAT FROM MY LUNCH?
SORRY, I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY! HUMAN FOOD'S POISONOUS TO CATS!
YOU'RE SO CUTE. ♥ ARE YOU RELATED?


HOW CAN THAT BE!?
WHAT!?
YOU COULDN'T SEDUCE HIM!?


NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER TRULY FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ANYONE BEFORE...
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS NOW!?
SAWA-CHAN, WE'RE GOING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT FOR A WHILE.


THEY'VE BEEN TAKEN IN BY THAT MAN!
(TRANSLATION: WE'LL CLEAN UP OUR ACTS)
UNTIL THEN, WE'LL TRAIN BY EATING VEGETABLES
(TRANSLATION: WE FELL FOR HANDA)
WE'LL TRY AGAIN ONCE WE'RE ABLE TO EAT MEAT THAT'S DEADLY POISON

SO LOVE-LY!
BRING ME HANDA, IMMEDI-ATELY!!
THAT HAN-DA!
DAMN IT ALLLL!

WE, THE STUDENT COUNCIL...
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING!?
WAIT A SEC! WHAT'S THIS GIRL TALKING ABOUT?
...PUBLIC ORDER AND MORALITY!
...HEREBY PUNISH YOU FOR YOUR DISTURBANCES TO...

WEREN'T YOU HAVING A STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING?
HANDA-KUN! I'M SORRY!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
NOTHING AT ALL!
I WAS WONDERING THAT MYSELF.
WHAT DID YOU DO?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT PUNISH-MENT!?
HANDA, YOU SOIL YOUR DUTIES AS CLASS REPRESEN-TATIVE...
...BY SEDUCING GIRLS INDISCRIMI-NATELY!
AND SO...
...YOU ARE SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN A GIRLS' UNIFORM!
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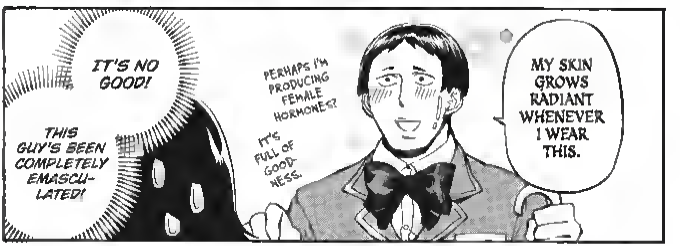
HIRAAN (FLUTTER)

CRAP! SHE'S NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!
I WILL DO A NICE JOB OF FILING DOWN YOUR SHARP MALE FANGS.
PUTTING YOU INTO THIS ONE...
A UNIFORM CHANGES PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE IN.
EH?
EH!?

YIKES!
THERE'S ALREADY A VICTIM!
HANDA-KUN, BE GOOD AND TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT


IT'S NO GOOD!
THIS GUY'S BEEN COMPLETELY EMASCU-LATED!
PERHAPS I'M PRODUCING FEMALE HORMONES?
IT'S FULL OF GOOD-NESS.
MY SKIN GROWS RADIANT WHENEVER I WEAR THIS.

...MY SCHOOL-WIDE HARASSMENT HAS FINALLY BEGUN.
IT SEEMS THAT...
JIRI
JIRI
COME NOW!!
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO PUT IT ON!
YOU FASTEN THE SKIRT IN FRONT AND THEN TURN IT TO THE SIDE

!?
KYAH!
HOLD HIM FIRMLY!
A STRUGGLE
HA!
(LAUGH)
ALL RIGHT!
PIN HIS ARMS BEHIND HIS BACK!
THIS IS BAD!
IF I'M FORCED TO WEAR A GIRLS' UNIFORM...
...THE WHOLE SCHOOL WILL LAUGH AT ME!
YOU MUST BE JOKING.
OH, KANDA
I'M SURE IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU!
SERI-OUSLY!? YOU TRAITOR!
AMAZ-ING!
DO SOME-THING!
CLASS REP!!
AFTER HIM, GIRLS!
HE'S GET-TING AWAY!
DA DASHU
GCK!

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL IS INSANE!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN!? HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN!?
HOLD IT!
HANDA!
SHUNBABABA (ASH)
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS SCHOOL?
IT TURNED A MALE CHAUVINIST LIKE ME INTO A SPLENDID FEMINIST!
THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT SPOKE THE TRUTH!
JUST ONCE!
PUTTING IN ON ONCE IS ENOUGH!
IT'S NO GOOD... THIS GUY'S SERIOUSLY BAD NEWS!
SOON YOU'LL BE WANTING TO WEAR CUTE UNDERWEAR TOO!

!?
TRY THIS ON, HANDA-KUN!
ZA (SCUFF)
WEAR THIS!
WEAR THIS!
ZA
ZA
UWAHH!
EEEK!
ZA
NOW...
I ACCEPT YOUR FATE.

IT'S A SKIRT DEBUT WORTH CELEBRATING.
I JUST CAN'T WAIT...
AFTER A YEAR IN IT, YOU'RE SURE TO BE A SPLENDID FEMINIST...
...RIGHT?
HANDAAAA!

GOTCHAAA!

PRESI-
DENT!
DO
(THUMP)
DO
DO
DO
DO

PRESIDENT, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I HATED BOYS.
PRESIDENT!
...SAYING, "YOU CAN'T, YOU'RE A GIRL!" OR "NO GIRLS ALLOWED!"
SHEESH, GIRLS ARE SUCH CRY-BABIES.
AW, WHAT'S WRONG, SEWERKO?
THEY TREATED ME LIKE I'M WEAK AND DIDN'T LET ME JOIN THEM...
TO PLAY TOGETHER.
YEEEE!
DON'T YOU FOLLOW US!
WE'RE GOING NOW, SEWERKO.
I JUST WANTED TO PLAY WITH THEM.
PRESIDENT!
I JUST WANTED THEM TO ACCEPT ME.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRESI-DENT?
YEAH, I'M ALL RIGHT...
THAT'S GOOD, BUT...
HANDA-KUN !S...
!?

WELL, ABOUT THAT...
WHY'S HE... UNDER ME?
EH...
...GUH!

EH?
ミルサン
DOKUN DOKUNG
IT LOOKED LIKE...
...WHEN YOU FELL, HE IMMEDIATELY COVERED FOR YOU

LOOK, PRESIDENT, HANDA-KUN..
WHY'S MY HEART POUNDING SO VIOLENTLY?
DOKU DOKU
OH NO...
DOKU DOKU
MEN CAN BE RELIABLE, IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER.

...I'VE...
...FALLEN FOR...
NNNGH...
...IS WAKING UP
CAN IT BE... THAT...

WHEW!
...A MAN...?
HERE I AM, PRESIDENT!
COME, LET'S DRESS HANDA IN THIS SKIRT!
NOOOO!
DIE, YOU MACACA!
ゴスゴス
ゴスゴス

THAT JERK!
YOU'RE A GIRL NOW, PRESIDENT. WELL, YOU WERE ONE ALREADY...
MEN ARE GROSS!
I CAN'T TAKE IT!
EWW...
PRESIDENT, GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!
OH!
THERE YOU ARE, HANDA-KUN!
URGH...
HANDA-KUN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WHERE... AM I?
YOU'RE AT SCHOOL.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I CAN REMEMBER...
FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS AND MY UNIFORM GETTING TUGGED SO THAT I WAS UNDERNEATH.
HUH?
ZOOOOT!
BUT NOTHING ELSE.
WHO AM I AGAIN?
TO BE CONTINUED IN "HANDA-KUN & AMNESIA"
WHERE AM I?
HANDA-KUN...YOU MEAN...?

2-7 柏青
SEI HANDA

OUR MIDTERMS ARE COMING UP.
YOU BEEN STUDYING, TSUKKUN?
WHAT, DO I LOOK LIKE I'VE BEEN STUDYING TO YOU?
GOOD ONE (LOL) THOSE WHO SAY THEY HAVEN'T STUDIED ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO DO
HEY, YOU KNOW I'M LIKELY TO GET HELD BACK A YEAR.
YOU ASS-HOLE.
GOOD MORN-ING!
!?
UH ...?
OH... GOOD MORN-ING.
IT SURE IS A LOVELY DAY TODAY!
YEAH... SURE IS.
WAIT

WHAAA!?
OH, GOOD MORNING!
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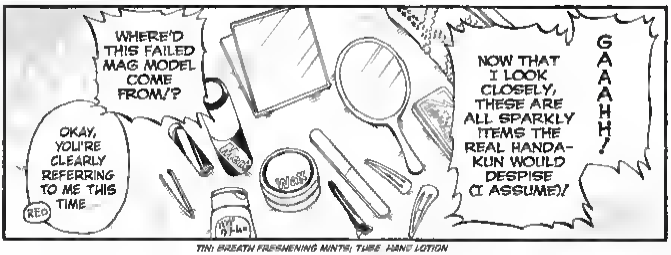
AMNESIA!?
I TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY, SO THERE'S NO DOUBT.
THAT'S . LIKE IN A MANGA.
THIS IS JUST BETWEEN US, BY THE WAY
WILL HE GET BETTER !?
THE DOCTOR SAID HE COULD NATURALLY RECOVER HIS MEMORY IN A FEW DAYS....
SCREECH
BRAKE SOUND
HEYA! GOOD MORNING, MY FELLOW CLASS-MATES!
ZAWA ZAWA
WERE YOU ANXIOUS WITH-OUT ME AROUND?
NEVER FEAR! I'LL BE HERE TO STUDY WITH YOU EVERY DAY!
OR HE COULD STAY LIKE THIS THE REST OF HIS LIFE.
HYPER FOR LIFE...

I DON'T LIKE IT!
HANDA-KUN'S TURNING INTO A FAILED MAG MODEL PICKUP ARTIST!
YOU'RE HERE TOO, FAKE HANDA?
YOU'RE IN A DIFFERENT CLASS...
BY "FAILED MAG MODEL," DO YOU MEAN ME?

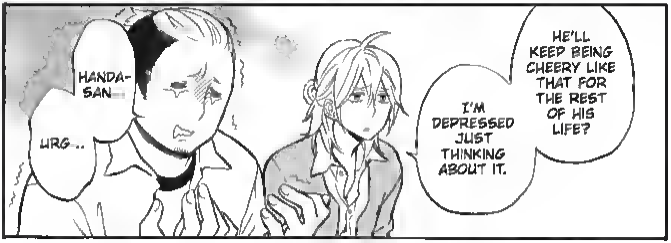

GAAAHH!
NOW THAT I LOOK CLOSELY, THESE ARE ALL SPARKLY ITEMS THE REAL HANDA-KUN WOULD DESPISE (I ASSUME)!
WHERE'D THIS FAILED MAG MODEL COME FROM!?
OKAY, YOU'RE CLEARLY REFERRING TO ME THIS TIME
REG

TIN: BREATH FRESHENING MINTS; TUBE: HAND LOTION

IT'S NO USE!
THIS IS MORE THAN MY HANDA AESTHETICS CAN HANDLE!
HE COMES, HE RAGES, HE LEAVES
I WISH MAG MODELS NATIONWIDE WOULD GANG UP AND CLOBBER HIM.

WE'RE SORRY!
HUH!?
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING QUITE A FUSS
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
OHH...
THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT IT.
TALKING ABOUT HOW I'VE LOST MY MEMORY?
LUCKILY, I DID REMEMBER THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
WHICH IS WHAT?
IT'S TOO BAD THAT I LOST MY MEMORIES.
BUT THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK.
URGH...THAT'S NOT WRONG, BUT IT'S STILL OBNOXIOUS.
WHY...
...THE FACT THAT I'M POPULAR!

I'LL GO AND LAVISH COMPLIMENTS ON KITTENS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL!
NOW THEN!
TO FULFILL MY POPULAR-GUY DUTIES...


HANDA-SAN...
URG...
I'M DEPRESSED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.
HE'LL KEEP BEING CHEERY LIKE THAT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE?

I ALSO FEEL THAT THE SITUATION CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS.
DROP DEAD.
DON'T CRY, TSUKKUN!! AFTER ALL, YOU STILL HAVE ME!
MEANIE!
I'M GONNA QUIT!
WITH A HANDA-SAN LIKE THAT...
WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ME COMING BACK TO SCHOOL!?

WAAAH!
TSUK KUN!!
AND RETURN HIM TO NORMAL, EVEN IF BY FORCE!
IT'S TIME FOR THE HANDA ARMY TO COMBINE ITS STRENGTHS.

HEYA, KITTEN.
YAWN...
I OVER-SLEPT A BIT
BEEEE! HANDA-KUN!
GATA
GATA CHAVERO
GATA
GIRLS LIKE IT WHEN GUYS DO THIS TO THEM, RIGHT?
THIS THING CALLED A "WALL-BANG"?
I SAW IT ONLINE
NOW, WHAT TO BANG NEXT...
THIS IS A RIGHT-HAND BANG!
NOW CHANGES
EEEEE!
HAH-HAH-HAH! I'LL BANG WITH MY OTHER HAND TOO!
LOOK. A RIGHT-FOOT BANG!
UNGAH!
PRETTY SWEET, HUH? ONLY HANDA-KUN COULD DO THIS!
EAT SHIT, GRAVITY!
NOW
UNGAH!
I FEEL SICK.
NOT ANOTHER WEIRD FAKE... MAN, HANDA SURE HAS IT TOUGH.

WHAT IMAGE CHANGE? I'M POPULAR, THROUGH AND THROUGH!
YOU DON'T MIND IF US PEONS TALK TO YOU NOW?
THE HANDA WALL'S GONE!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'VE MADE AN IMAGE CHANGE?
HANDA-KUN!

YOUR AUTO-GRAPH, PLEASE!
MAY I TOUCH YOU?
HEH-HEH, WHY THANK YOU!
KYAAAH! I'VE ALWAYS YEARNED FOR YOU!
DON'T SIGN CALENDAR BACKS!
YOU GOT FANCY PAPER AND A MARKER?
SURE, BUT NO BAD TOUCHES, PLEASE!

I'LL KISS EACH OF YOU IN TURN!
PAA (BEAM)
NOW, LINE UP, EVERY-ONE!

EH?
SHIIIN (SILENCE)
WHAT THE?

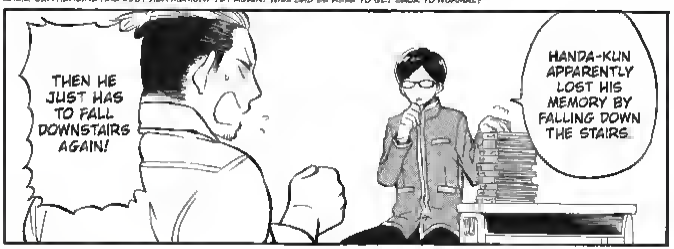
HEY!
WAIT, GIRLS!
YEAH, THE REAL HANDA-KUN WOULD NEVER SELL HIMSELF SO CHEAP
DON'T TEASE US STAL-WARTS!
ZORO (TROT)
GOOD GRIEF, NOT ANOTHER FAKE
WHAT THE WHAT? THAT'S ODD..
WHEN AN IDOL TELLS A GIRL HE'LL KISS HER...
...WOULDN'T SHE USUALLY CRY WITH JOY?
THIS IS HELL!
BLEARGH!
GNAAAH!
GA (STUMBLE)
...MAYBE MY OFFER JUST WASN'T IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH..
EVEN IF I'M POPULAR WITH THE WHOLE SCHOOL...
UH-OH... THIS GIRL'S BAD NEWS...
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'LL GIVE ME A KISS?

I FEEL BAD FOR HIM.
YEAH EXACTLY
HUH... SO THAT'S WHY HANDA-KUN WAS ACTING SO STRANGE.
FOUND IT!
LIVING IT UP ALL HAPPILY...
I THOUGHT HE WAS A FAKE.

BOOK: HANG ON! MY MEMORY'S GONE!

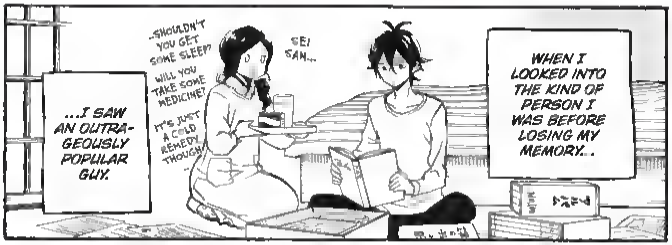
YOU'RE CONSULTING THAT MANGA...
THAT MAKES SENSE
TO GET THEIR MEMORY BACK...
...YOU NEED TO GIVE THEM THE SAME DEGREE OF SHOCK THAT MADE THEM LOSE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
...LIKE IT'S A MEDICAL GUIDE.

BACK: OUR HEROINE HAS LOST HER MEMORY YET AGAIN! WILL SHE BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO NORMAL?

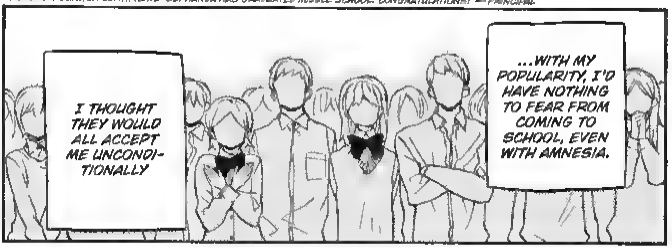


DON'T FOLLOW ME!
UWAH!
HANDA-KUN!
HANDA-KUN!
HANDA-KUN!
WHEREVER HANDA RUNS SO DOES HIGASHINO!
HA HA HA!
...AT LEAST SOME THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED...
WELL...

HAA..
I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO LOSE HER
HAA..
A POPULAR GUY LIKE ME
..HAVING TO HIDE IN A DESERTED PLACE LIKE THIS
STILL, IT'S PATHETIC.
SHIN (SILENCE)
HUH..? BUT SOMEHOW..
HOWAA (MELLOW)
..I FEEL MUCH CALMER NOW.


...I SAW AN OUTRAGEOUSLY POPULAR GUY.
-SHOULDN'T YOU GET SOME SLEEP?
WILL YOU TAKE SOME MEDICINE?
IT'S JUST A COLD REMEDY THOUGH...
SEI SAN...
WHEN I LOOKED INTO THE KIND OF PERSON I WAS BEFORE LOSING MY MEMORY...
ROOM9: ALBUM "BOX OF MEMORIES"

WHILE IT SEEMED TO BE POPULAR WITH A PRETTY DANGEROUS STRATUM OF SOCIETY...
Class 9-7
Sei Hanida
COW!
Drop Dead You Cow
I'm Always Watching
PHOTO: GRADUATION CERTIFICATE "SEI HANIDA HAS GRADUATED MIDDLE SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS!! — PRINCIPAL

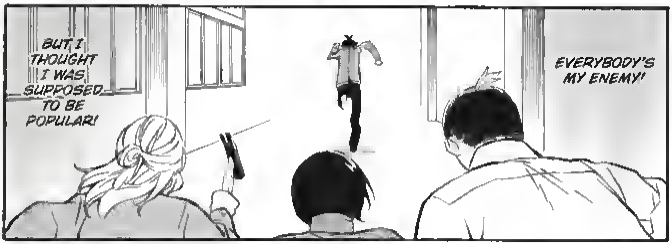

I THOUGHT THEY WOULD ALL ACCEPT ME UNCONDITIONALLY
...WITH MY POPULARITY, I'D HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM COMING TO SCHOOL, EVEN WITH AMNESIA.

URGH!
SUDDEN OVERHEAD
AND YET, WHY DO I FEEL...
...SUCH ISOLATION?

WHY DOES MY HEAD—
(SMK) (SLUMP)
(LOOP) (RUMBLE)
!?
UWAAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
GCK!

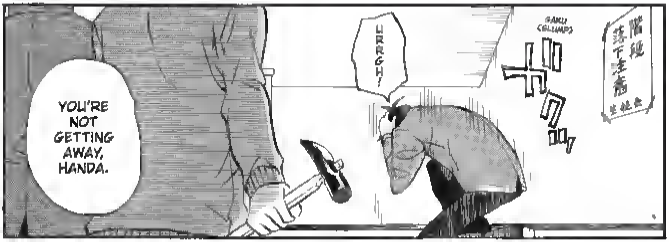
YIIIIKES! HE'S GOT A HAMMER!
...BUT I NEED THE REAL YOU BACK
HAA
HAA
SORRY, HANDA-SAN...
TO THINK I WOULD EVER HAVE TO HIT HANDA-SAN.
DAMN IT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? I'M SUPPOSED TO BE POPULAR!!
POPULARITY MEANS BEING A TARGET OF JEALOUSY AND PREJUDICE...
NO...
ONCE YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL, YOU CAN KILL ME
AH! WAIT, PLEASE!
DASH
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!
NOOOOOO!

IT'S HANDA-KUN!
THERE HE IS!
I NEVER IMAGINED THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
THIS IS SCARY!! TOO SCARY!!


BUT, I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE POPULAR!
EVERYBODY'S MY ENEMY!

WHEREVER HANDA RUNS, SO DOES HIGASHINO!
HANDA-KUN!
SWISH
SWISH
DOES THIS MEAN SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY HATE ME?
URGH!

DASH!
SHUT IT!
WHY DOES MY HEAD ACHE?
IT'S BEEN HURTING FOR A WHILE NOW...



SIGN: STAIRS BEWARE OF FALLS—STUDENT COUNCIL

OKAY, GUYS, DO IT WHEN I SAY, "GO!"
PEOPLE HATE ME. PEOPLE HATE ME.
...FEELS LIKE IT'S SPLITTING!
MY HEAD ...

READY!
JUST WHAT AM I..?
WH-WHERE AM...?
GO!

WHAT THE HELL?
!?
I HAVE TO R—
GAKUN (FALLING)
ガクン
!?
UWAH!
DOSHIN (STUMBLES)
ドシン
ZUGAGAGAGA
ZUGA (SYNCHRO)
HANDA!
AH!

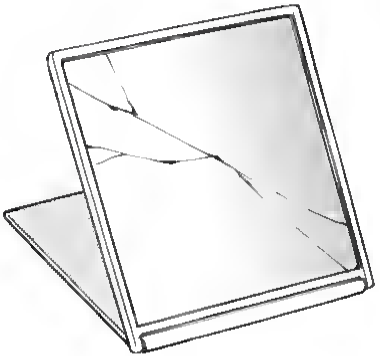
HANDA-SAN!?
THAT WAS QUITE A FALL.
ALWAYS (SMILE)
I HAD NO IDEA...
OH!
HE'S UP!
UH, HEY ARE YOU ALL RIGHT..?
...THEY WANTED TO HIT ME WITH HAMMERS..

THIS JUST CONFIRMS IT.
NO...I KNEW ALL ALONG.
EVERYBODY ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY HATES ME.
EEP!

NYAAAA (SMIRK)
ニヤアアァ
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO BUT LAUGH?
..... HE UP AND LEFT.
DID HANDA-SAN GET HIS MEMORY BACK?
WH-HUH.
WITH THOSE EYES, DEFINITELY
THAT SMILE ..
OUR FEELINGS ..
..REVIVED THE REAL HANDA-KUN.
WHERE'S MY RUNNING HANDA?

HEYA, GUYS!
HEEE HEEE!
THE NEXT DAY
HEH HEH! YOU COULD TELL?
OF COURSE I COULD, DUMB-ASS
YOU'RE EVEN MORE OBNOXIOUS THAN USUAL.
WHAT'S WITH YOU, FAKE HANDA?
OH!
WELL, EVEN MY HANDA AESTHETICS HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES.
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?
HANDA-KUN!

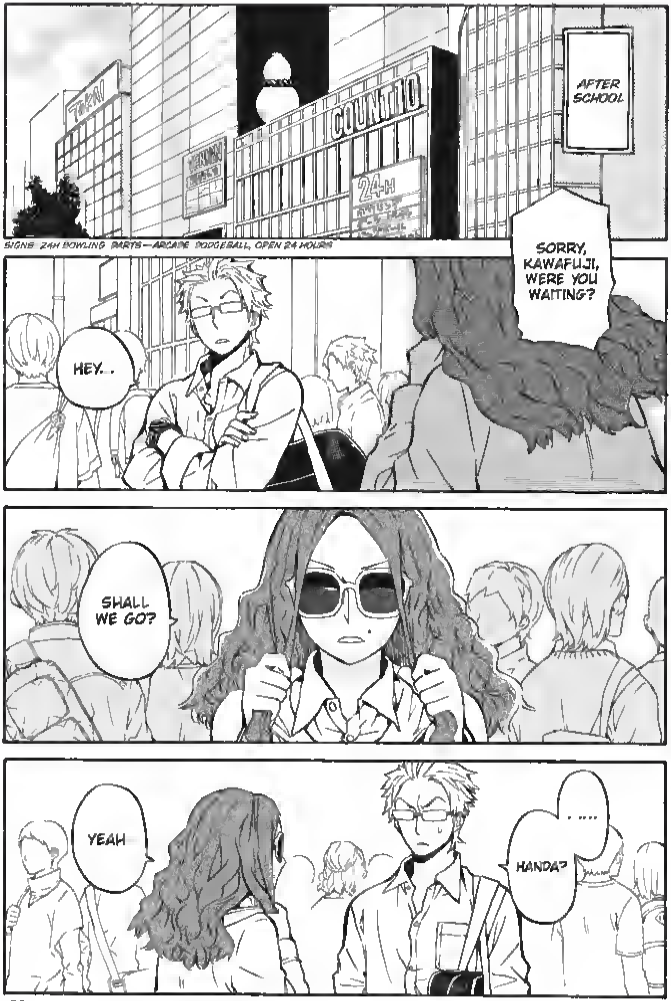
EEEEEK!
IT'S THE USUAL HANDA-SAN!
GIVING HIM THE EVIL EYE.
THANK GOOD-NESS!
HAGAMI-KUN
HANDA-KUN HAD SAFELY RETURNED TO NORMAL

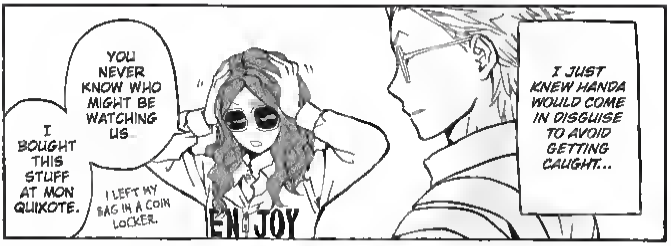


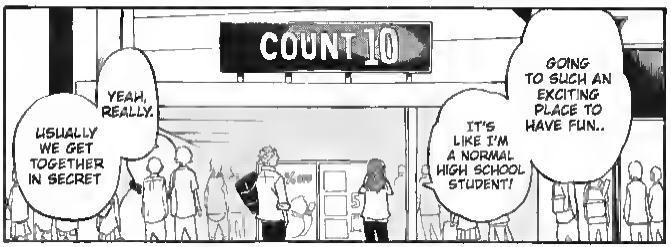
Handa-
Kun

...HANDA'S GOTTEN EVEN MORE INTENSELY MISTRUSTFUL OF PEOPLE.
LATELY ...
WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES US TOGETHER?
IT'S SURE TO GET HIM KILLED THIS TIME AROUND
I MET UP WITH KAWAFUJI BY ACCIDENT
IT'S PROBABLY DUE TO THE DRASTIC MEASURES HIS CLASSMATES TOOK WHEN HE HAD AMNESIA.
HANDA'S DUE TO HAVE A BREAKDOWN AT THIS RATE.
SAY, HANDA ..
OHHH
SO THAT'S THAT'S ALL IT WAS YOU STARTLED ME THERE

HE'S SERIOUSLY IN LIMBO. I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.
WANNA GO HAVE FUN AFTER SCHOOL?
EH!?


AFTER SCHOOL
COUNTRY
24-HR
SIGNS: 24H BOWLING, DARTS—ARCADE, DODGEBALL, OPEN 24 HOURS
SORRY, KAWAFUJI, WERE YOU WAITING?
HEY..
SHALL WE GO?
YEAH
HANDA?
. ....


I JUST KNEW HANDA WOULD COME IN DISGUISE TO AVOID GETTING CAUGHT...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT BE WATCHING US
I BOUGHT THIS STUFF AT MON QUIXOTE.
I LEFT MY BAG IN A COIN LOCKER.
EN JOY


COUNT 10
GOING TO SUCH AN EXCITING PLACE TO HAVE FUN..
IT'S LIKE I'M A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!
YEAH, REALLY.
USUALLY WE GET TOGETHER IN SECRET

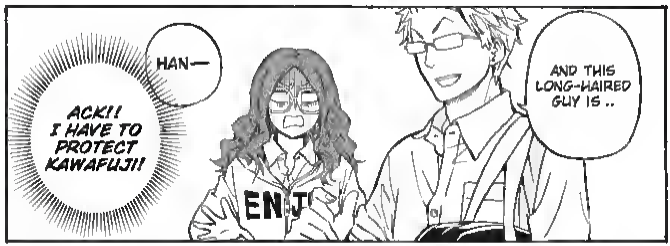
I'VE GOT THE PERFECT DISGUISE ..
..TO RUSH IN AND ENJOY MY YOUTH!
GYUUU (GRAB)
WELL, JUST HOLD YOUR HORSES.

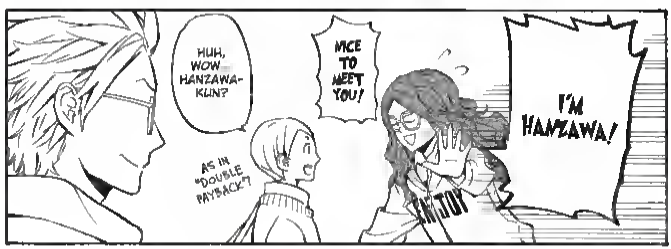
KAWA-CHAAAN!
OH SORRY I TUGGED HARDER THAN I MEANT TO
COUGH!
COUGH!

YOU'RE LATE
YEAH.
WERE YOU WAITING?
HEY, I HAD TIME TO KILL.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU JOIN ME ON THIS.
IT'S NOT LIKE KAWAFUJI EVER SAID IT'D BE JUST THE TWO OF US HAVING FUN!
SILLY ME...
WHY SO CHIPPER?
LET'S PLAY WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!

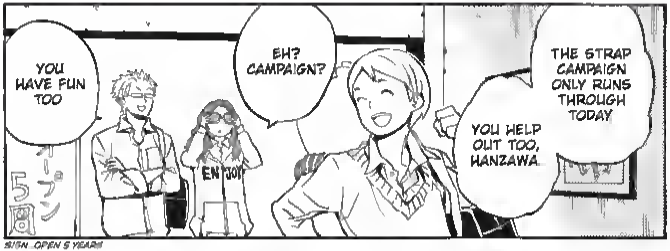
BUMP (SLUMP)
HEEY!

THIS SHRIMP'S THE IDOL-GROUP GEEK OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM.
DON'T CALL ME A SHRIMP!
UH.. HI
NICE TO MEET YOU
THIS GUY'S MY CLASSMATE, HASEGAWA.


HAN—
ACK!! I HAVE TO PROTECT KAWAFUJI!
AND THIS LONG-HAIRED GUY IS ..


HUH, WOW HANZAWA-KUN?
AS IN "DOUBLE PAYBACK"?
NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M HANZAWA!

I GO TO SCHOOL IN AMERICA!
YEAH...
BUT WOULDN'T I REMEMBER SEEING SUCH A FLASHY GUY THERE?
YOU FROM OUR SCHOOL?
UH-HUH..
HHH .
WOW ..
THAT'S KAWA-CHAN FOR YOU! HE EVEN KNOWS PEOPLE WHO LIVE ABROAD?
WHOA!! REALLY!?
HE ONCE SAVED MY LIFE, LONG AGO.
WELL, UH...
OH, ARE YOU RELATIVES?
HANDA NEVER BETRAYS MY EXPECTATIONS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SAID THOUGH.
THAT'S SO COOL!
<I WAS FORCED TO REALIZE HOW LONELY I AM.>
CAN YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?



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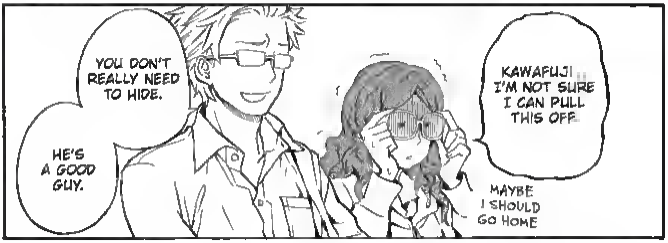

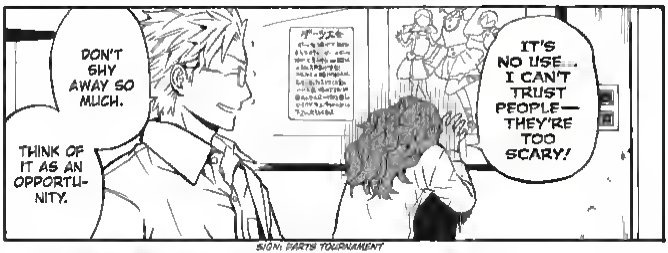

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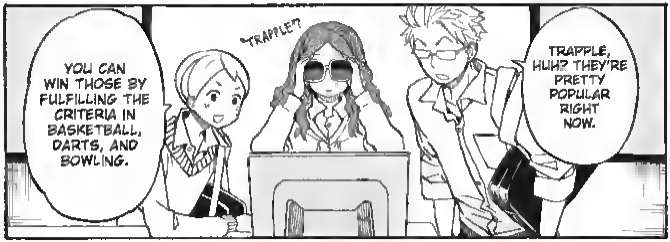
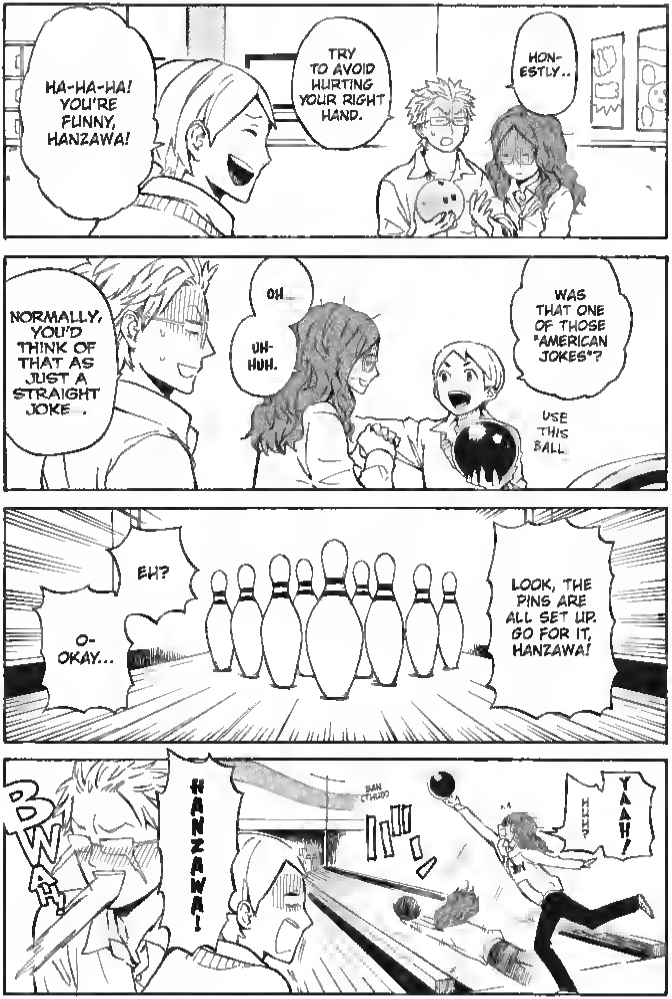
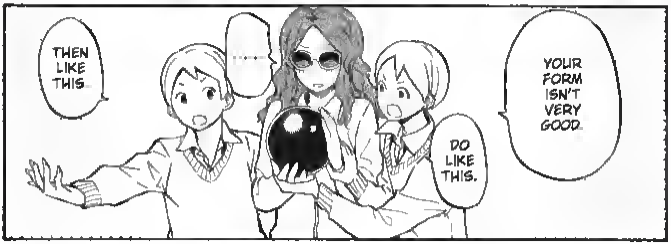

YOU CAN WIN THOSE BY FULFILLING THE CRITERIA IN BASKETBALL, DARTS, AND BOWLING.
"TRAPPLE"?
TRAPPLE, HUH? THEY'RE PRETTY POPULAR RIGHT NOW.

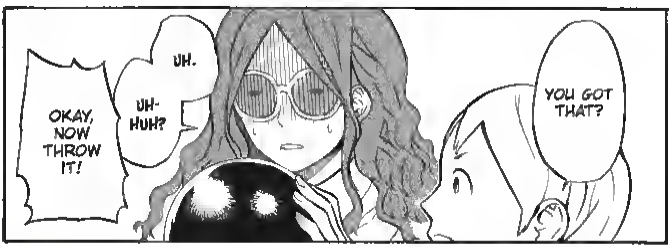
SIGN: CASHIER; POSTER: TRIPLE APPLE CAMPAIGN. TAKE ON THESE GAMES! DARTS, BASKETBALL, BOWLING

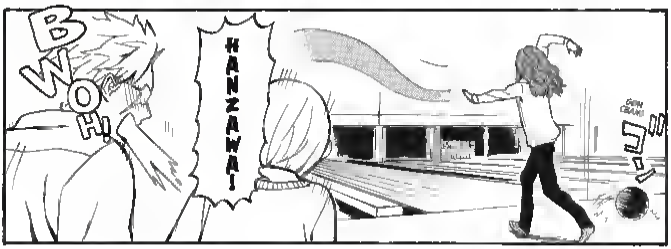
WOW, THAT'S A PRETTY HIGH-LEVEL CHALLENGE JUST FOR A GIVEAWAY STRAP
GOROGORO (SMALL ROLL)
GOLL (ROLL)
FOR BOWLING, YOU HAVE TO KNOCK DOWN ALL THE PINS IN ONE GAME.
WHOA, THEY'RE PRETTY HEAVY.
ZUSSHIII (WEIGHTY)
WHAT SHALL I MAKE YOU TREAT ME TO...?
BUT THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM SO VALUABLE!
LET'S GO!
SUPO (OPEN)
OH! THESE ARE LIGHT.
THAT'S FOR A CHILD!
I CAN'T PULL MY FINGERS OUT...
KAWA-FUJI


HA-HA-HA! YOU'RE FUNNY, HANZAWA!
TRY TO AVOID HURTING YOUR RIGHT HAND.
HON-ESTLY..
NORMALLY, YOU'D THINK OF THAT AS JUST A STRAIGHT JOKE .
OH...
UH-HUH.
WAS THAT ONE OF THOSE "AMERICAN JOKES"?
USE THIS BALL
EH?
O-OKAY...
LOOK, THE PINS ARE ALL SET UP. GO FOR IT, HANZAWA!
BWAH
HANZAWA!
BAN CTHUDD
SHIMA
YAAH!

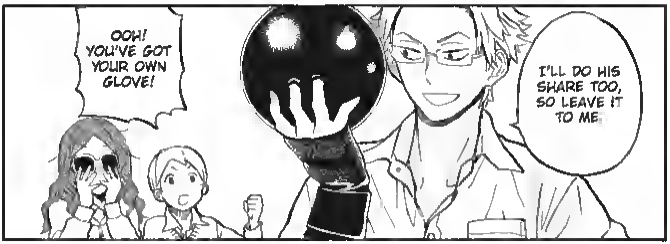
IF I SAY I HAVEN'T, I'LL GET LEFT OUT.
I'VE DONE...
...A BIT...!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER GONE BOWLING BEFORE
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HANZAWA?
OH CRAP, OH CRAP.
GOTTA HOLD IT IN...

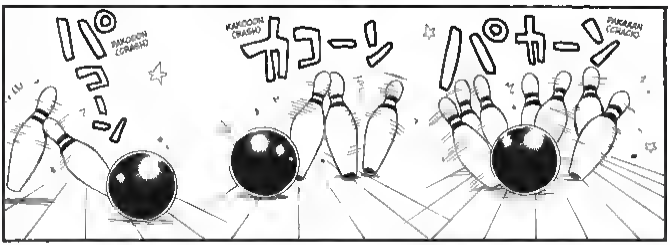

THEN LIKE THIS.
DO LIKE THIS.
YOUR FORM ISN'T VERY GOOD.


OKAY, NOW THROW IT!
UH-HUH?
UH.
YOU GOT THAT?


WOH!
HANZAWA!
GUTH CRASH!

WAIT, ARE YOU LAUGHING?
OH, I SEE
WELL, IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY
SORRY, BUT BOWLING ISN'T ONE OF HIS STRONG SUITS
KAAAAA CHUUHUU
AND THAT HAIR! (LOL)
TOTALLY LAME.
WHAT WAS THAT?


OOH! YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN GLOVE!
I'LL DO HIS SHARE TOO, SO LEAVE IT TO ME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PAKOOON CRASH!
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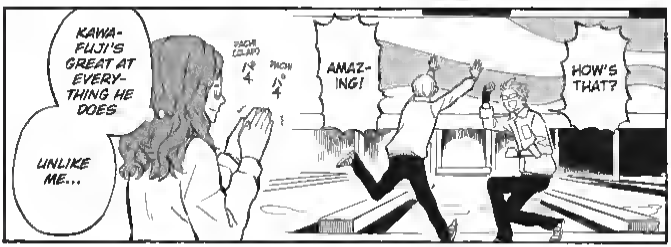
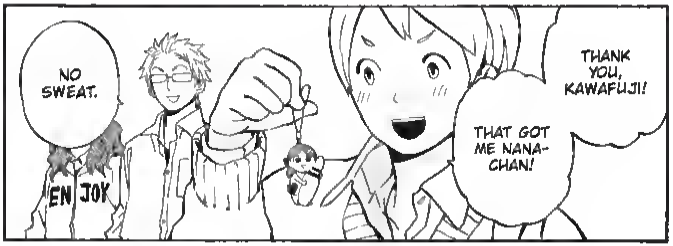
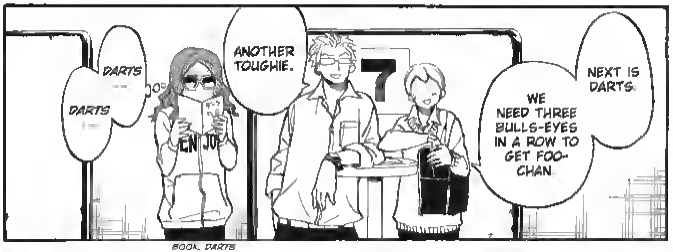
PAKAAAN CRACK!


KAWA-FUJI'S GREAT AT EVERY-THING HE DOES
UNLIKE ME...
PACK CLEAR!
1ST
PACK
1ST
AMAZ-ING!
HOW'S THAT?





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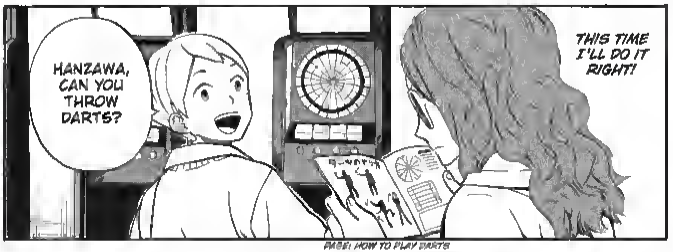

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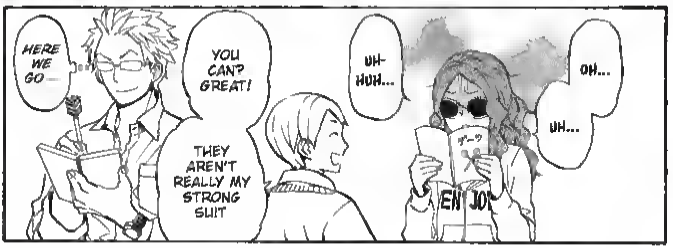

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FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS
AH-HA-HA! SO LAME!
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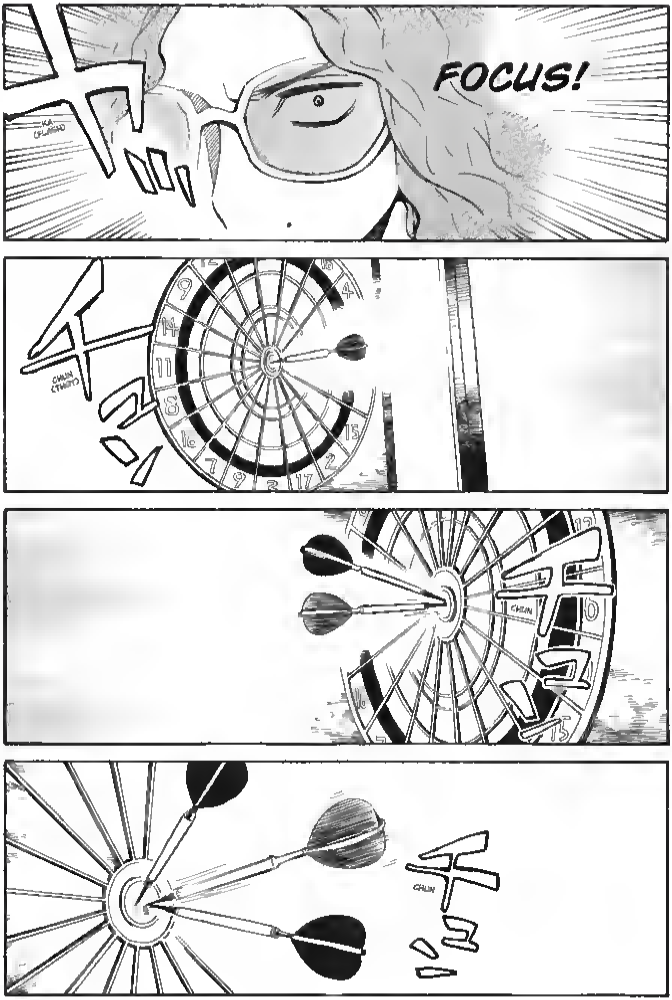
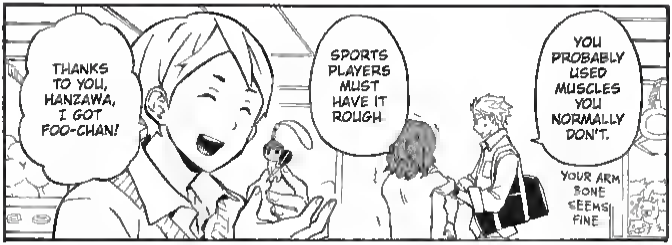
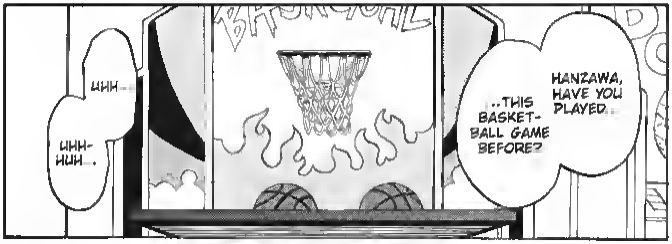
AW WELL
MY SHOULDER ISN'T WARMED UP YET.
パーパーパー
FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS FOCUS
HAN-ZAWA'S NEXT.
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
SAY WHAT, KID!?
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.


FOCUS!

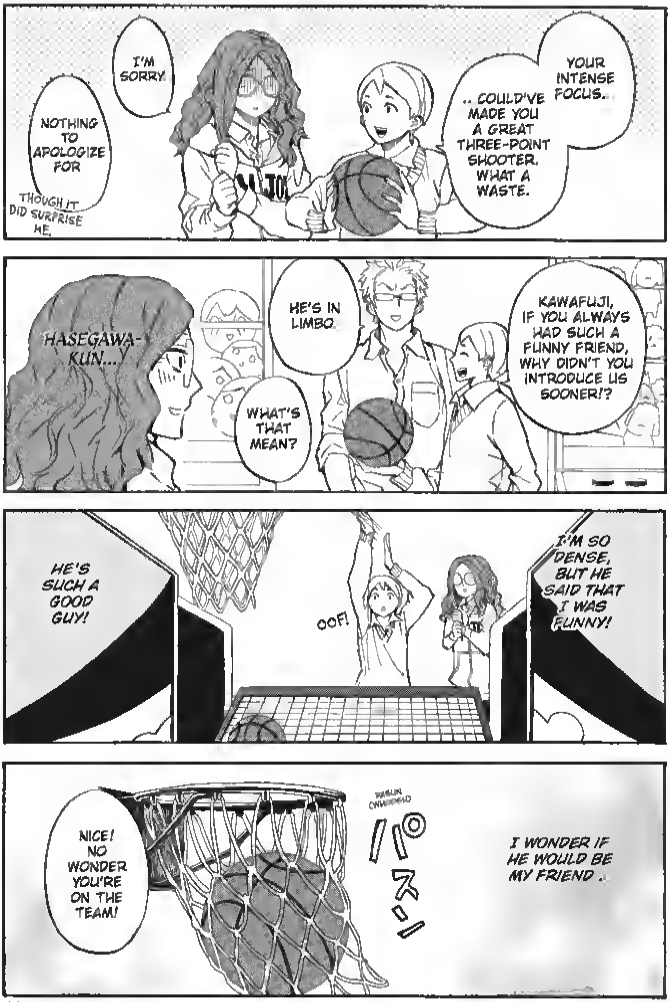
OOOH!
PAPIRAMA (TAMBORINE)
EN
WOW!
ARE YOU A PRO!?
UH..
NO..
SIGN: CONGRATS!
AWW, MAN, AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO PLAY UP OUR STRENGTHS.
KAWA-FUJI...
KAWA-CHAN, YOU'VE GOT AN AMAZING FRIEND!
ARE YOU GUYS FROM A MANGA OR SOME-THING!?
HEY!
FOR REAL!?
KERA (CACKLE)
HA HA HA! ANOTHER GREAT AMERICAN JOKE!
MY ARM IS...

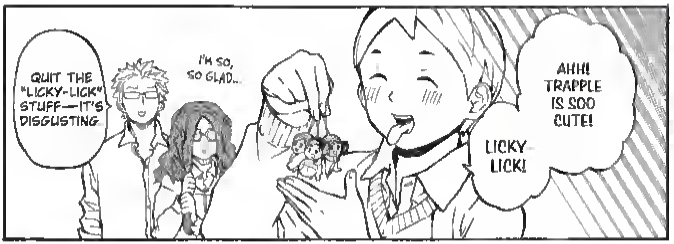

THANKS TO YOU, HANZAWA, I GOT FOO-CHAN!
SPORTS PLAYERS MUST HAVE IT ROUGH.
YOU PROBABLY USED MUSCLES YOU NORMALLY DON'T.
YOUR ARM BONE SEEMS FINE.

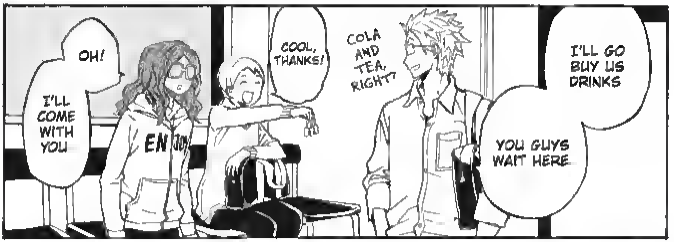


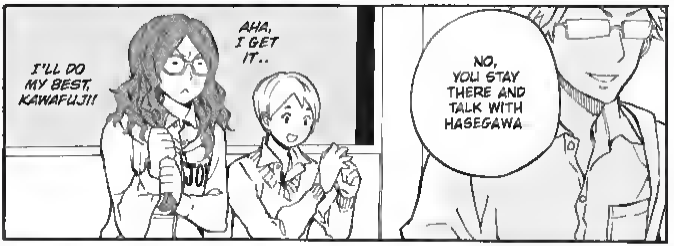
SIGN TRIPLE APPLE

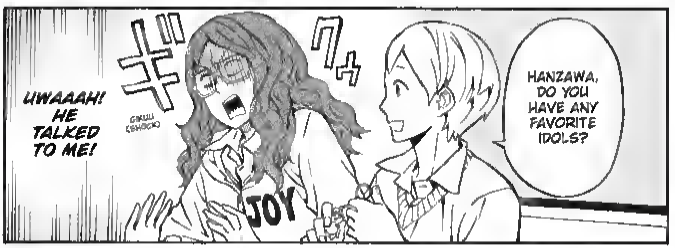
ONLY HANDA COULD'VE AVOIDED ALL THAT.
IS BASKET BALL REALLY THAT MAJOR A THING?
OR AT LEAST DURING GYM CLASS!?
WOULDN'T YOU HAVE PLAYED IT AT RECESS?
NEVER PLAYED BASKET-BALL!? ARE YOU KIDDING!?
IT'S REALLY POPULAR IN MANGA!

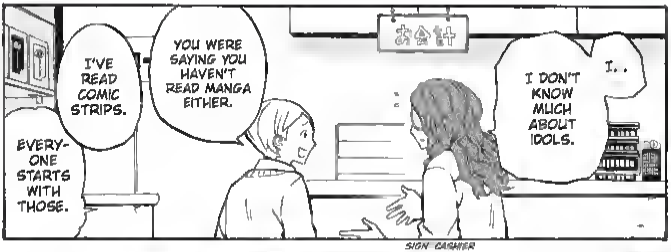

YOUR INTENSE FOCUS...
.. COULD'VE MADE YOU A GREAT THREE-POINT SHOOTER. WHAT A WASTE.
I'M SORRY.
NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR
THOUGH IT DID SURPRISE ME.
KAWAFUJI, IF YOU ALWAYS HAD SUCH A FUNNY FRIEND, WHY DIDN'T YOU INTRODUCE US SOONER!?
HE'S IN LIMBO.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
HASEGAWA-KUN...
I'M SO DENSE, BUT HE SAID THAT I WAS FUNNY!
HE'S SUCH A GOOD GUY!
OOF!
I WONDER IF HE WOULD BE MY FRIEND.
NICE! NO WONDER YOU'RE ON THE TEAM!


QUIT THE "LICKY-LICK" STUFF—IT'S DISGUSTING.
I'M SO, SO GLAD...
AHH! TRAPPLE IS SOO CUTE!
LICKY LICK!


OH!
I'LL COME WITH YOU.
COOL, THANKS!
COLA AND TEA, RIGHT?
I'LL GO BUY US DRINKS.
YOU GUYS WAIT HERE.


I'LL DO MY BEST, KAWAFUJI!!
AHA, I GET IT..
NO, YOU STAY THERE AND TALK WITH HASEGAWA.


UWAAAH! HE TALKED TO ME!
GASUU (SHOCK)
HANZAWA, DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVORITE IDOLS?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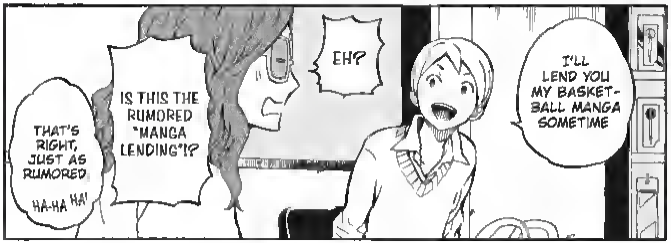
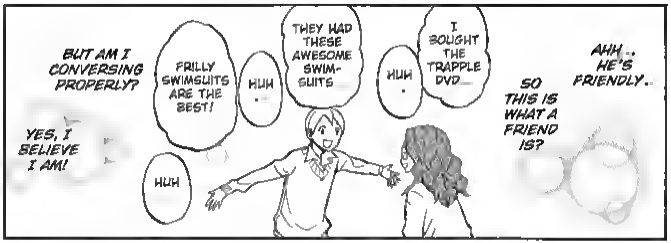
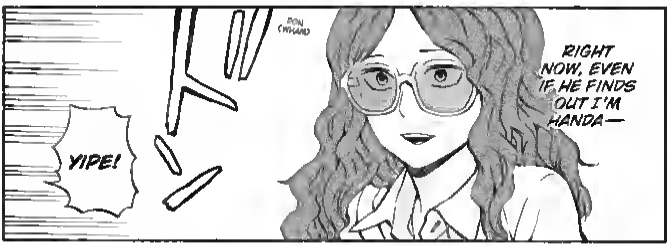
I'VE READ COMIC STRIPS.
EVERY-ONE STARTS WITH THOSE.
YOU WERE SAYING YOU HAVEN'T READ MANGA EITHER.
I...
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IDOLS.
SIGN: CASHIER


THAT'S RIGHT, JUST AS RUMORED.
HA-HA HA!
IS THIS THE RUMORED "MANGA LENDING"!?
EH?
I'LL LEND YOU MY BASKET-BALL MANGA SOMETIME


BUT AM I CONVERSING PROPERLY?
YES, I BELIEVE I AM!
FRILLY SWIMSUITS ARE THE BEST!
HUH
THEY HAD THESE AWESOME SWIM-SUITS
HUH
I BOUGHT THE TRAPPLE DVD—
SO THIS IS WHAT A FRIEND IS?
AHH... HE'S FRIENDLY.


SOUND: CHIKAND
YIPE!
RIGHT NOW, EVEN IF HE FINDS OUT I'M HANDA—

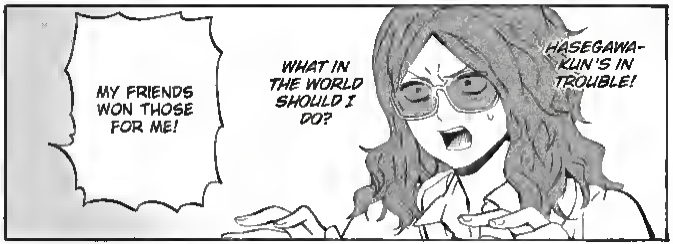
HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?
OW, OW, OW!
HASE-GAWA-KUN!

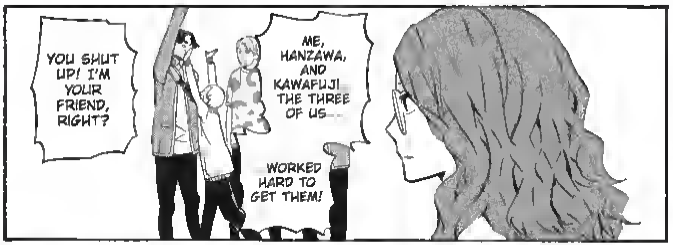
SENPAI!
AH!
YOU WERE TOO SMALL TO SEE.
I WONDERED WHO THAT WAS. SECOND-YEAR HASEGAWA, HUH?

HAVING FUN IN THIS KINDA PLACE? AREN'T YOU LIVING LARGE
YOU GOT A BREAK FROM THE TEAM TODAY THANKS TO OUR REMEDIAL CLASSES.
DIDN'T YOU HAVE REME-DIAL—
"SENPAI"? THEY'RE SENIORS ON THE BASKET-BALL TEAM?

OH!
SHUT UP DON'T TALK BACK TO US.
NO JUMPING THE SPORTS PECKING ORDER.
IF YOU SAY SO, BUT AREN'T YOU GUYS HERE TO HAVE FUN TOO?
AH!
THOSE ARE
AREN'T THESE THOSE TRAPPLE STRAPS?
コーナー
HEY, THOSE ARE MINE!
I DROPPED THEM!
IT'S A FULL SET OF THREE.
WAY LUCKY!
SIGN: CASHIER, SNACK CORNER
HE'S GOTTEN MIXED UP WITH SOME REALLY NASTY SENPAIS.
COME ON!
THAT'S MEAN!
THAT MAKES ME EVEN LUCKIER
AS A SENPAI, I GET DIBS ON YOUR STUFF.

PLEASE, AT LEAST SPARE ME THIS!
KYURO
KYURO (SLANCE)
EN JOY
KAWAFUJI! KAWAFUJI ISN'T BACK YET?


MY FRIENDS WON THOSE FOR ME!
WHAT IN THE WORLD SHOULD I DO?
HASEGAWA-KUN'S IN TROUBLE!

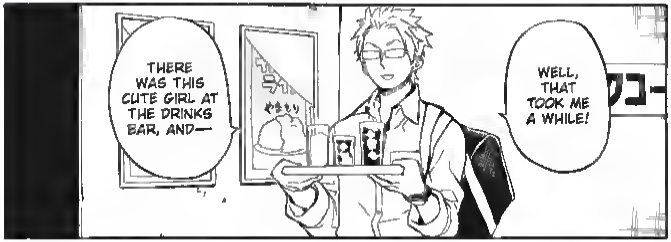

YOU SHUT UP! I'M YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?
ME, HANZAWA, AND KAWAFUJI THE THREE OF US...
WORKED HARD TO GET THEM!

WAAAH! RIN-RIN! FOO-CHAN!
EN JOY
OR SHOULD I USE MY SENPAI AUTHORITY...
...TO KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF?

I HAVE TO SAVE HASEGAWA-KUN! I HAVE TO SAVE HASEGAWA-KUN!
HEY... YOU--
URGH!
UWAAAAH!
GIVE THEM BACK!
IT'S DISTRACT THOSE SENPAIS.
IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN DO...
OW!
I WON'T LET THEM LAY A FINGER ON HASEGAWA-KUN...MY FRIEND!
WHO'S THERE!?

NOW THE GUY EVERY-BODY HATES IS HERE!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HIT ANYONE, HIT ME!!

HANDA!?
ISN'T THAT HANDA!?
EEK!
HE'S SAYING HE'LL KILL US IF WE PICK ON HASEGAWA!
OH CRAP!
GA (SFX)
GA (SFX)
CHIT ME, NOT HASEGAWA-KUN.)
CHUN (SFX)
EH!? HOW WOULD I KNOW HIM!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL US YOU KNOW HANDA!?
S-SORRY ABOUT THAT, HASEGAWA!
GIKU (SFX)
HANDA... KUN...



POSTER: A HEAP OF CURRY RICE

I HAVE TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS
IF HE GETS INVOLVED WITH ME, HASEGAWA-KUN WILL BE SHUNNED TOO
HAN-DA-KUN!
YOU'RE LATE!
KAWA-FUJI!
WHAT HAPPENED, HASEGAWA?
SUN (SNIFF)
SUN
STILL, THEY LEFT WITHOUT EVEN THROWING A PUNCH
MAYBE I SMELL BAD?
HAN-ZAWA? HECK IF I KNOW!
SO, ANYWAY, WHERE'S HANZAWA?
OH, OKAY
HIS AURA WAS AMAZ-ING!
HAN-DA-KUN...
HANDA-KUN WAS RIGHT THERE!
SO ANYWAY, HANDA WAS REALLY COOL!
I'LL JUST GO HOME.
I FEEL LIKE A HEROINE!
HEROES OF JUSTICE DO EXIST!
WHERE'S HAN-ZAWA?
BEATS ME!
50%OFF
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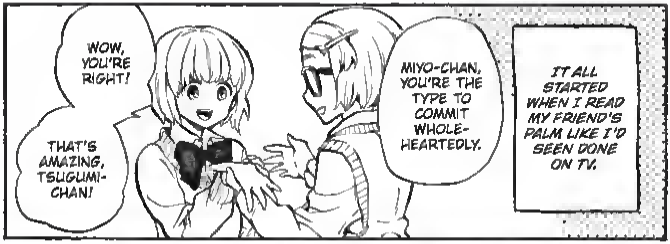
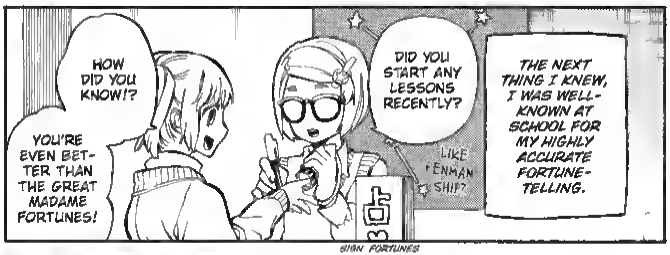
BAGA CRUSHED
BAGA
ACK!
THE NEXT DAY
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH SHOOT!
DAMN IT! WHERE DID (VICE) CLASS REP GO?
HAN-DA-KUN!
AH!
YEAH. I'M ALL RIGHT.
I'M SO STUPID!
AIEEE!
HASE-GAWA-KUN!

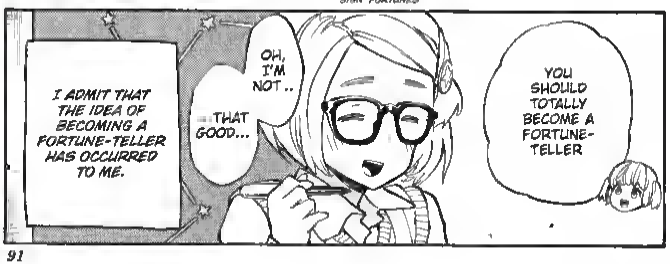
I'M JUST SO STU-PID!
GOSH
GOSH
GUH (CLOSING)
HE WARNED ME NOT TO ACT LIKE I KNOW HIM!
WELL .. I GUESS THAT'S THAT. .
AND SO, HANDA'S MISTRUST OF PEOPLE GREW EVEN WORSE ..
...AT LEAST, AT FIRST
HE REALLY NEVER LETS ME DOWN.
TOM
TOM (TAP)
...IT EASED UP A LITTLE.
WEARING GLOVES SO IT WON'T GET DIRTY
HEH-HEH...
BUT WHEN HASEGAWA LENT HANZAWA THE BASKETBALL MANGA LIKE HE HAD PROMISED...
Kaoru-chan, Lend these to Hanzawa! Hasegawa


IT ALL STARTED WHEN I READ MY FRIEND'S PALM LIKE I'D SEEN DONE ON TV.
MIYO-CHAN, YOU'RE THE TYPE TO COMMIT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.
WOW, YOU'RE RIGHT!
THAT'S AMAZING, TSUGUMI-CHAN!

IT MAY BE BECAUSE I HAD THE KIND OF PERSONALITY TO BE EASILY OBSESSED...
...THAT I REALLY GOT INTO FORTUNE-TELLING.
FORTUNE TELLING

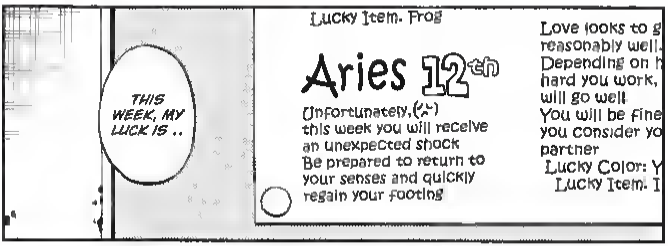

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS WELL-KNOWN AT SCHOOL FOR MY HIGHLY ACCURATE FORTUNE-TELLING.
DID YOU START ANY LESSONS RECENTLY?
HOW DID YOU KNOW!?
YOU'RE EVEN BETTER THAN THE GREAT MADAME FORTUNES!
LIKE "ENMAN SHIP"?

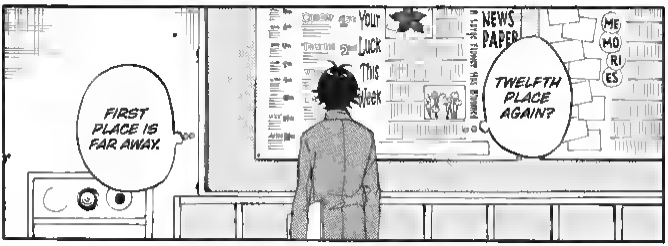
SIGN FORTUNES


I ADMIT THAT THE IDEA OF BECOMING A FORTUNE-TELLER HAS OCCURRED TO ME.
OH, I'M NOT ..
...THAT GOOD...
YOU SHOULD TOTALLY BECOME A FORTUNE-TELLER

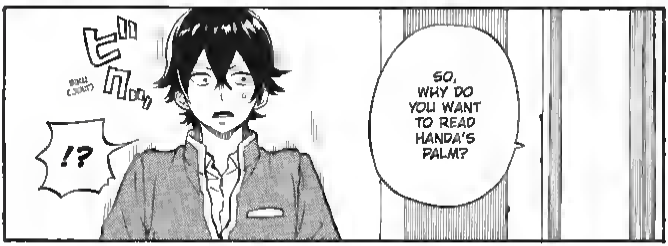
IF ONLY...
...I HAD THE CHANCE TO REALLY TEST MY SKILLS.....

YOU WANT TO READ HANDA-KUN'S PALM?
2-7
HANDA-KUN DOESN'T BELIEVE IN FORTUNE-TELLING (I ASSUME).
HE'D NEVER AGREE TO A PALM READING.
THAT'S A PRETTY TALL ORDER.
REO-KUN, YOU'RE FRIVOLOUS, STUPID, FLASHY, AND CAN'T TAKE A HINT.
I'D LIKE MINE READ TOO.
BUT STILL, YOU ARE A FAMOUS FORTUNE-TELLER GIRL, TSUGUMI-CHAN.
THAT'S PRETTY EXTREME, AIZAWA-KUN.
IF NOTHING ELSE, WE COULD KNOCK HIM OUT FIRST AND THEN CHECK HIS PALM
YOU SCARE ME.
MY FACE..? THAT'S ALMOST AN INSULT.
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE.
WHAA? BUT YOU DIDN'T READ MY PALM..


THIS WEEK, MY LUCK IS ..
Lucky Item. Frog
Aries 12th
Unfortunately,(;^;)
this week you will receive
an unexpected shock
Be prepared to return to
your senses and quickly
regain your footing
Love looks to g
reasonably well.
Depending on h
hard you work,
will go well
You will be fine
you consider yo
partner
Lucky Color: Y
Lucky Item. I


FIRST PLACE IS FAR AWAY.
Your Luck This Week
NEWS PAPER
TWELFTH PLACE AGAIN?
ME MO RI ES

...THAT STILL WORRIES ME.
EVEN IF I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IN FORTUNE-TELLING...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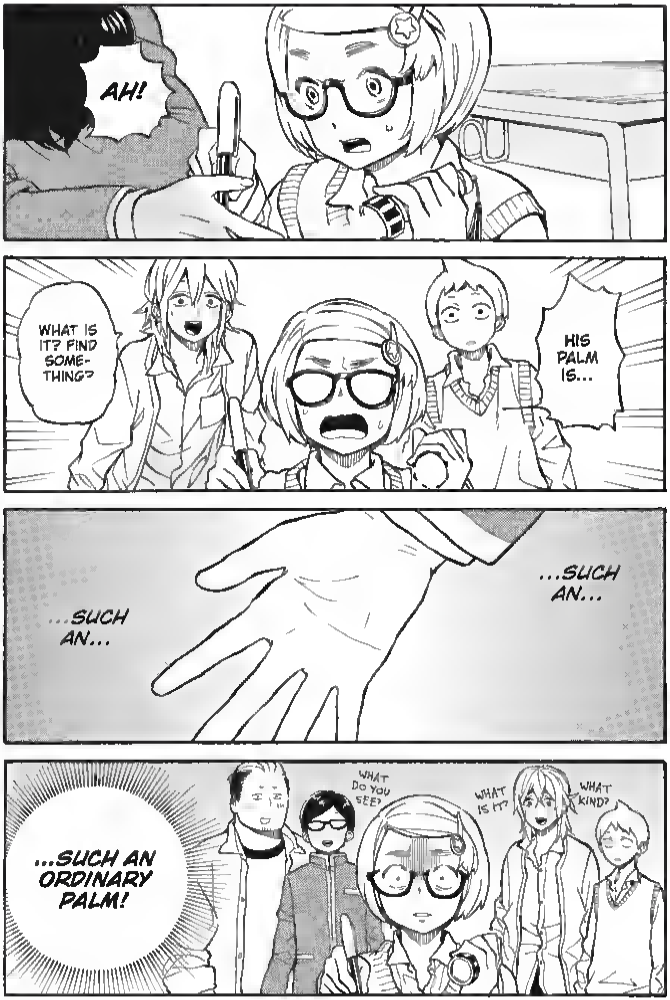
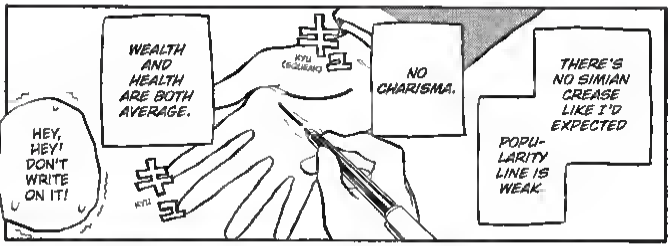
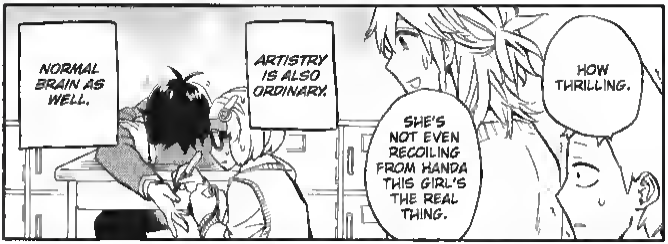
HIROTO (HANDA)
!?
SO, WHY DO YOU WANT TO READ HANDA'S PALM?

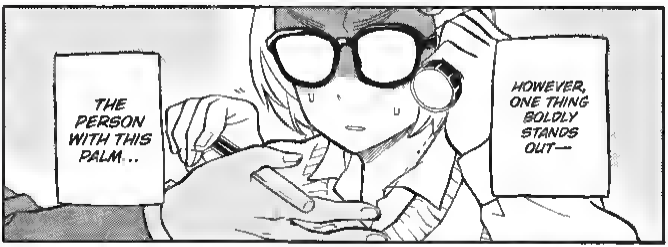
..SO I WANT TO READ AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN.
FORTUNE-TELLING IS ABOUT STATISTICS
WHAT'S THIS? WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME?
NOW I GET IT.
..AS WELL AS REALLY HATED PEOPLE. I WANT TO READ A FULL RANGE OF PALMS
AH, NOW I GET IT
REALLY POPULAR PEOPLE...
HANDA!
OH!
HE'S HERE.
WELL, IF I CAN BE OF USE TO SOMEONE JUST BY SHOWING MY PALM...
!?
SU CHARGE
THEN I MIGHT AS WELL SHOW IT

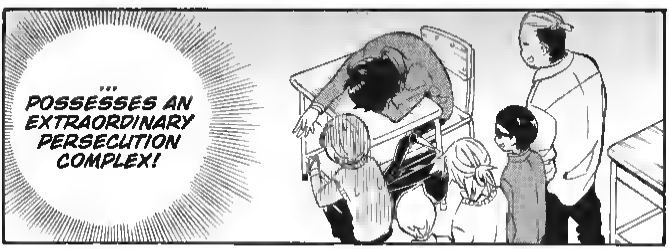
IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS...
HE HAS HIS PALM OUT AND CLEARLY VISIBLE.
THERE'S NO WAY HE'S ACTUALLY SLEEPING LIKE THAT
SO HE'S NONCHALANTLY SHOWING HIS PALM TO PUT US AT EASE.
NOW I GET IT.
FOR MY SAKE?
MAYBE HANDA HEARD WHAT WE WERE SAYING?
OR IS IT A BIT TOO UNNATURAL?
WILL THIS POSE BE ALL RIGHT?
DEEP DOWN, HANDA-KUN'S ACTUALLY OVERFLOWING WITH KINDNESS.
WHOA! SHE WENT RIGHT FOR IT!
WELL, HERE I GO.

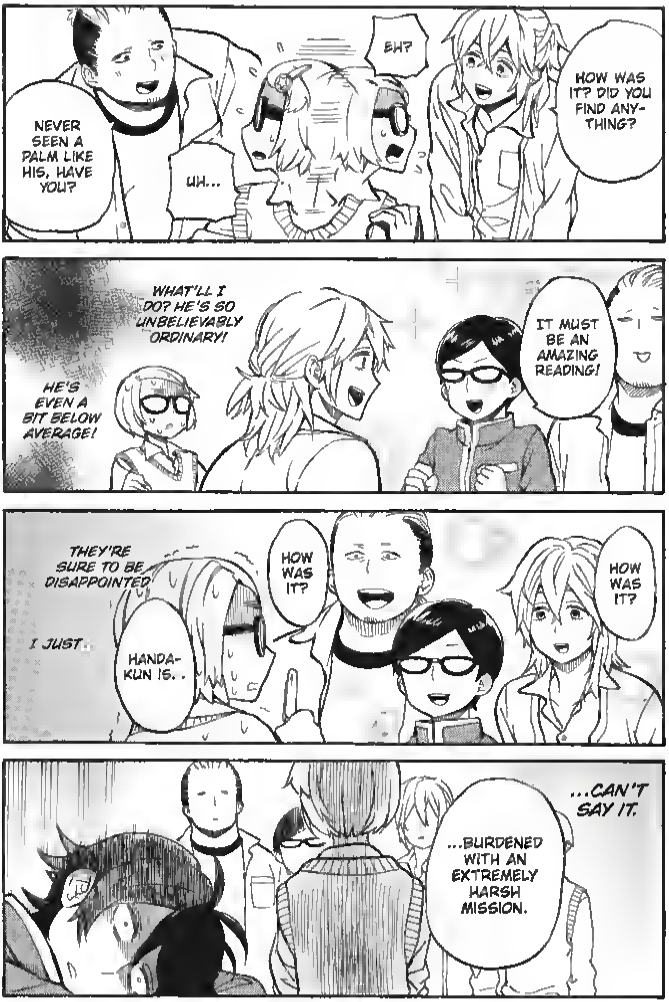

AH!
WHAT IS IT? FIND SOME-THING?
HIS PALM IS...
...SUCH AN...
...SUCH AN...
...SUCH AN ORDINARY PALM!
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT KIND?


HEY, HEY! DON'T WRITE ON IT!
WEALTH AND HEALTH ARE BOTH AVERAGE.
NO CHARISMA.
THERE'S NO SIMIAN CREASE LIKE I'D EXPECTED
POPU-LARITY LINE IS WEAK.

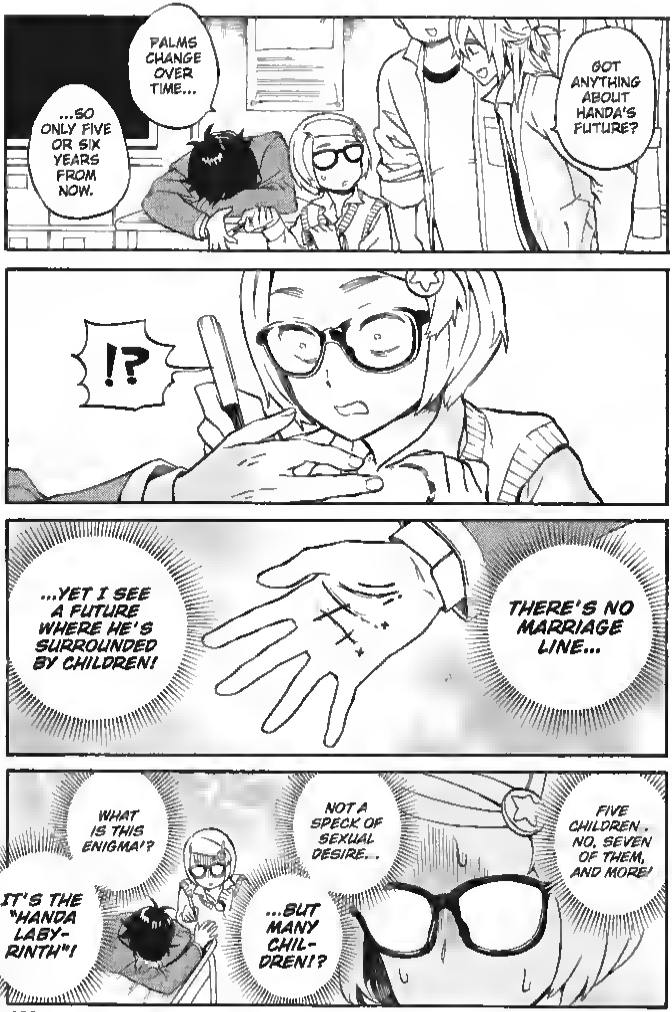

NORMAL BRAIN AS WELL.
ARTISTRY IS ALSO ORDINARY.
SHE'S NOT EVEN RECOILING FROM HANDA THIS GIRL'S THE REAL THING.
HOW THRILLING.

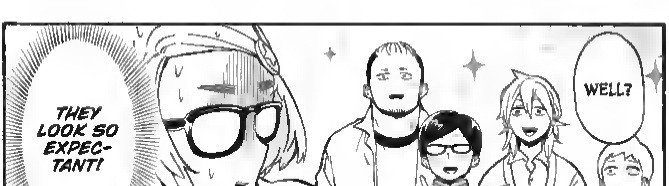

THE PERSON WITH THIS PALM...
HOWEVER, ONE THING BOLDLY STANDS OUT—


...POSSESSES AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSECUTION COMPLEX!


NEVER SEEN A PALM LIKE HIS, HAVE YOU?
UH...
EH?
HOW WAS IT? DID YOU FIND ANY-THING?
HE'S EVEN A BIT BELOW AVERAGE!
WHAT'LL I DO? HE'S SO UNBELIEVABLY ORDINARY!
IT MUST BE AN AMAZING READING!
THEY'RE SURE TO BE DISAPPOINTED
I JUST...
HANDA-KUN IS...
HOW WAS IT?
HOW WAS IT?
...BURDENED WITH AN EXTREMELY HARSH MISSION.
...CAN'T SAY IT.

HARSH IN WHAT WAY?
REALLY!? I KNEW IT!
"HARSH"...?
"IN WHAT WAY"?
WELL, UH...
I DON'T HAVE MANY DETAILS...
IT'S LIKE E-ETERNAL SOLITUDE.
OR A JOURNEY THROUGH AN ENDLESS DESERT...
WHOA !!
YOU GOT IT RIGHT TSUGUMI-CHAN!
HE'S SOLI-TARY!
AND IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS LIFE'S JOURNEY!
...REALLY, THIS THRILLED ABOUT MY MISFORTUNE?
ARE THESE GUYS...
YAY!
THE WHOLE NATION AFTER HIS LIFE—
TO BE KILLED BY THE ONE HE LOVES..
BE-YOND SALVA-TION!!
YAY!
DEEP DARK-NESS!


PALMS CHANGE OVER TIME...
...SO ONLY FIVE OR SIX YEARS FROM NOW.
GOT ANYTHING ABOUT HANDA'S FUTURE?
!?
...YET I SEE A FUTURE WHERE HE'S SURROUNDED BY CHILDREN!
THERE'S NO MARRIAGE LINE...
WHAT IS THIS ENIGMA!?
IT'S THE "HANDA LABY-RINTH"!
NOT A SPECK OF SEXUAL DESIRE...
...BUT MANY CHIL-DREN!?
FIVE CHILDREN. NO, SEVEN OF THEM, AND MORE!


THEY LOOK SO EXPEC-TANT!
WELL?

TELL US HIS AMAZING FUTURE!
AGAIN WITH THE MODESTY!
I KNOW IT MUST BE RIGHT!
SO I CAN'T CLEARLY SAY
I'M SELF-TAUGHT AT FORTUNE TELLING

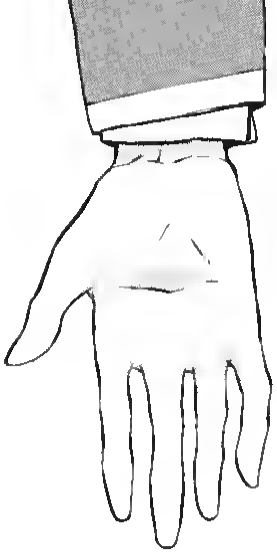
HANDA-KUN WILL...

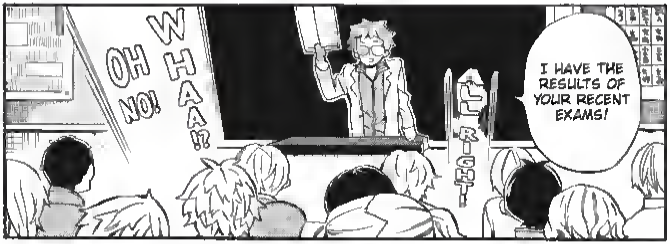
OOH! I KNEW IT!
AWE-SOME!
NOT HAVE A RESPECTABLE LIFE... THAT'S ALL

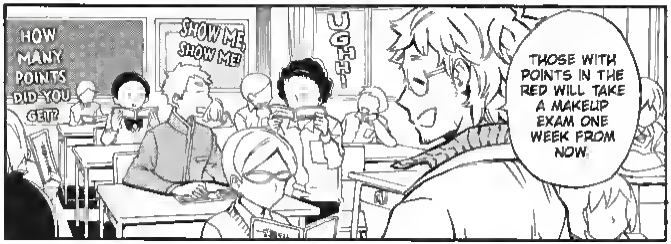
I'D BEEN CONCEITED.
I'M STILL JUST A NOVICE.
TO THINK, I COULDN'T READ HANDA-KUN'S PALM CORRECTLY
HANDA-KUN TAUGHT ME THAT FACT.
UNTIL I HAVE THE ABILITY TO UNCOVER DETAILS AND EXPRESS THEM WITH CONFIDENCE, I CAN'T CALL MYSELF A TRUE FORTUNE-TELLER
THANK YOU...
...HANDA-KUN.

SIIIIIGH...
MY LIFE WAS ALREADY GRAY AT BEST...
BUT MY FUTURE'S PITCH-BLACK
Siiiiigh...
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? IT'S JUST FOR-TUNE- TELL-ING.
BUT THE READING FELT SO GENUINE!
AH...
LOOK AT ALL THE LINES SHE DREW!
IT'S OVER FOR ME!
LIVING IS TOO PAINFUL!
WELL ..
THEY DID KNOW YOU WERE AWAKE, RIGHT?

EH?
YOUR ACTUAL RESULTS WERE GOOD, BUT THEY SAID BAD ONES ON PURPOSE.
SO THEY WERE DOING IT TO HARASS YOU.
OHH!
NOW I GET IT!
THAT'S RIGHT! THEY DO HATE ME!
EXACTLY! HAVE CONFI-DENCE!
AHH, IT'S SO GOOD TO BE HATED!
HE'S SO SIMPLE.
HE NO LONGER KNEW WHAT WAS WHAT ANYMORE.







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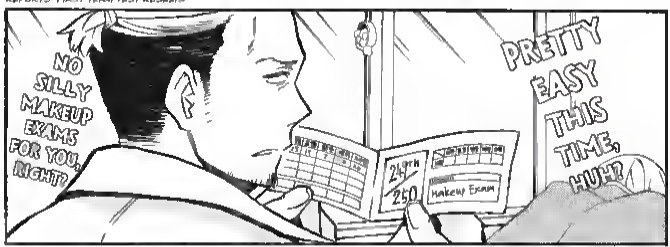
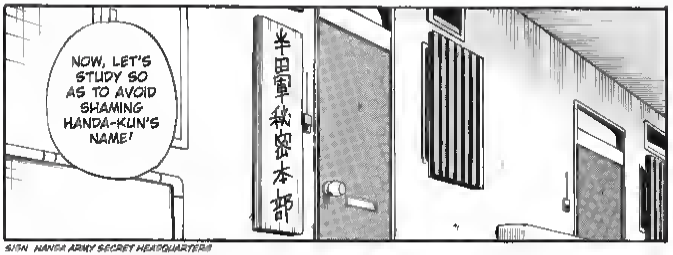


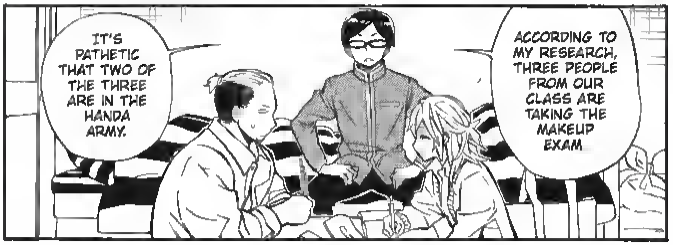
LEFT SIDE: PROFICIENCY TEST; RIGHT: 1ST TERM; SUBJECTS (L TO R): JAPANESE, ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, HISTORY

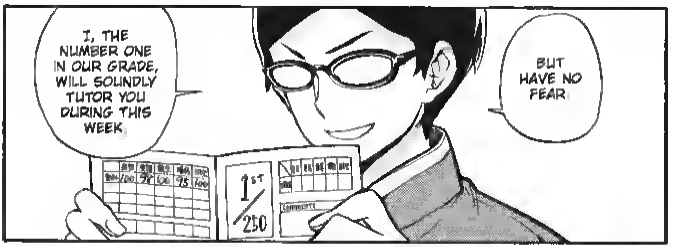
POSTER: CULTURE FESTIVAL

HEY THERE, WE'RE HERE!
WHOA, WHAT A MESSY ROOM
SHUT UP! I'M PROVIDING A PLACE TO STUDY, SO NO COMPLAINING!
YOU'RE A DELINQUENT WHO GETS HIS OWN PLACE? I'M SO JEALOUS!
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL MAKE THIS THE HANDA ARMY'S SECRET HEADQUARTERS!
WELL, IF IT'S FOR HANDA-SAN, THEN SURE.
STUDY HARD, YOU TWO.
TWO HANDA ARMY MEMBERS GOT RED MARKS! WE CAN'T LET HANDA-KUN DOWN!
SIR, YES, SIR!
FIRST, LET'S MAKE A "HANDA ARMY SECRET HEADQUARTERS" SIGN.
HEY, C'MON! YOU CAN'T JUST PUT "SECRET HEADQUARTERS" ON A SIGN!
THEN, WE'LL CAMOUFLAGE IT BY WRITING "TSUTSUI'S HOME" ON THE BACK.
HANDA-KUN'S ARMY HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BEHIND HIS BACK.



SIGN: HANDA ARMY SECRET HEADQUARTERS


IT'S PATHETIC THAT TWO OF THE THREE ARE IN THE HANDA ARMY.
ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH, THREE PEOPLE FROM OUR CLASS ARE TAKING THE MAKEUP EXAM.



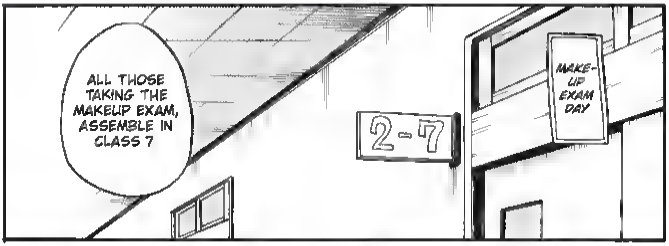
IF AIZAWA GOT FIRST PLACE...
IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME...
AH!
...THEN WHICH PLACE DID HANDA GET?
YOU'RE RIGHT. I DID HAPPEN TO GET FIRST PLACE...
...BUT IT IS STRANGE.
I'D THOUGHT FOR SURE HE'D GET FIRST PLACE.
GOOD POINT, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
THERE'S NO WAY!
THEN IT'D BE LIKE HANDA LOST TO AIZAWA!
DOESN'T THAT JUST MEAN HE GOT SECOND PLACE IN-STEAD?

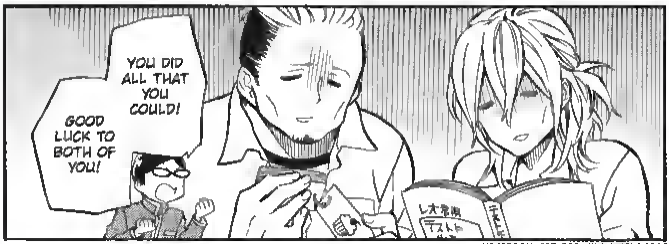
THAT'S RIGHT!! HANDA-SAN SHOULD ALWAYS BE NUMBER ONE!
IT'S NOT LIKE HANDA TO BE ANYTHING BESIDES FIRST PLACE!
I CAN THINK OF ONE POSSIBILITY.
WHAT IF HE CHOSE NOT TO GET FIRST PLACE ON PURPOSE?
HEY, LET'S STUDY.
WHY WOULD HANDA EVER DO THAT!?
SAY WHAT!?

HE PREFERS NOT TO STAND OUT AT SCHOOL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
HANDA-KUN IS MORE OF A CALLIGRAPHER THAN A STUDENT
SO HE'S THAT DEAD SET ON BEING A SHADOWY FIGURE?
HE MUST WORRY THAT IF HE SCREWS UP...
...AND SHOWS OFF HOW SMART HE IS, THEN HIS STUDIES WILL GET IN THE WAY OF HIS JOB.
UM, LET'S STUDY?
HE'S JUST SOOOO COOO-OOL!
IT'S NATURAL TO WORRY MORE ABOUT THE FUTURE AT THIS TIME OF LIFE!
YES THAT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN STUDYING!

DO YOUR BEST, TEAM MAKEUP EXAM!
ME TOO!
SHARE
ALL RIGHT! I'LL STUDY HARD FOR HANDA-SAN'S SAKE!
I AGREE IF ANYTHING, I'D LIKE EVERY-BODY IN CLASS TO CLEAR THE TEST
—WE SHOULD HAVE INVITED HIM TOO
IF THERE'S ONE OTHER GUY TAKING THE MAKEUP EXAM BESIDES US...
DAMN, THAT'S PUSHY.
YEAH, 'COS THE CLASS'S SHAME IS HANDA-SAN'S SHAME!
LET'S STUDY ALREADY
FOR HANDA-SAN'S SAKE!
FOR HANDA-KUN'S SAKE!
FOR HANDA'S SAKE!
田軍秘密本部

SIGN: HANDA ARMY SECRET HEADQUARTERS





NOTEBOOK: FOR REO-KUN, LIKELY TEST

HEH-HEH YOU'RE BOTH LOOKING GREAT
AS IDIOTS ANYWAY
KILL IT! KILL THAT NIGHTIN-GALE!
IF YOU, IT WILL SING.
NOV. 29: A GOOD MEAT DAY.
1192 FORM A GOOD COUNTRY

NOTEBOOK: TEST NOTEBOOK

POSTER: BIG CLEANING MONTH

GUESS I'LL BE GOOD AND DO THE MAKEUP TEST.
!?
HEY! DANGEROUS HIGASHINO!
YOU CAN'T JUST SIT IN HANDA-SAN'S SEAT!
THE HELL?
THE BOARD SAYS WE CAN SIT WHERE WE LIKE.
IF A BARF-HAPPY IDIOT LIKE YOU SITS THERE, HIS DESK WILL GET FILTHY.
EXACTLY! SO I'LL SIT THERE!
BOARD: STUDENTS FROM OTHER CLASSES CAN SIT WHEREVER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "BARF-HAPPY"!?
WE MUST DEFEND HANDA'S DESK!
EVEN WITHOUT HIM HERE, IT'S SACRED GROUND!
WAAH!
ONCE!! LET ME SIT HERE JUST ONCE!
DUMBASS! YOU WANT HANDA TO HAVE TO SIT AT THAT SEAT AFTER YOU DO!?

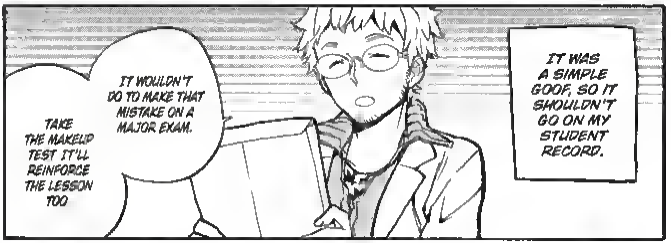
ASICS

POSTER "CULTURE FESTIVAL RECRUITING, JOIN US!"

DID HE FORGET TO WRITE HIS NAME!?
NAH, HE WOULDN'T GOOF UP LIKE THAT.
HANDA-SAN AT A MAKEUP EXAM? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
POSTER! CLASS / CREATIVE LIFE
MAYBE HIS NAME? DID HE FORGET TO WRITE IT DOWN!?
NO, HE WOULDN'T DO THAT.
WHAT WOULD GET HANDA HIT WITH A MAKEUP EXAM!?
HE FORGET TO WRITE HIS NAME OR SOMETHING?
THAT'S TOO STEREO-TYPICAL FOR HIM TO DO.
HANDA'S AT THE MAKEUP EXAM?
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SMART.
BUT HE WOULDN'T DO A BLOCK-HEADED THING LIKE FORGET TO WRITE HIS NAME.
FOR HANDA-KUN, A MAKEUP EXAM IS UNTHINKABLE.

WHY IS HANDA TAKING THE MAKEUP EXAM!?
SIGH...
HOW DID I EVER MANAGE...
...TO FORGET TO WRITE MY NAME?

POSTER: "STUDENTS, LET'S SELL BALLS TO SET UP A FUN!"

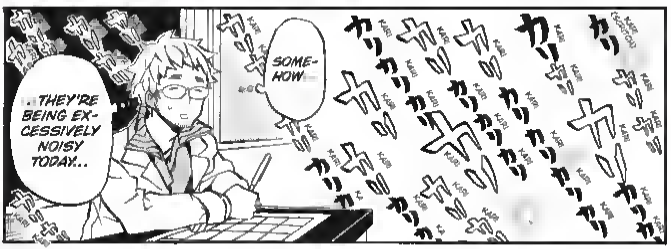

IT WAS A SIMPLE GOOF, SO IT SHOULDN'T GO ON MY STUDENT RECORD.
IT WOULDN'T DO TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE ON A MAJOR EXAM.
TAKE THE MAKEUP TEST IT'LL REINFORCE THE LESSON TOO

I GET TO TAKE AN EXAM IN THE SAME ROOM AS HANDA-KUN!
I'M SO EXCITED!
OH CRAP, OH CRAP!
I HAVE TO FOCUS!
IT'S LIKE I SHOULD KNOW IT...
...BUT I DON'T.
URGH!
WHAT'S THE ANSWER TO THIS ONE?
AHH...
THINK...
THINK...
!?
...CHOO!

A SNEEZE.
HANDA-SAN SNEEZED...
KAAAAA GRUUGGG
カァァァァ
SHOOT! IT'S SO QUIET...
...THAT WAS LOUDER THAN I EXPECTED.
SO EVEN HANDA SNEEZES.
ARE THEY ALL MAD AT ME?
KUNA CRUNCH?
くわ
くわ
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT TO HEAR HANDA-KUN SNEEZE SO CLEARLY.
WHAT A RARE EVENT!
HOW EMBARRASSING.
カリカリカリカリ
I CAN FEEL THIS SENSE OF KINSHIP...
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
THAT'S TRUE. HANDA IS HUMAN TOO.
OF COURSE HE SNEEZES.
WHY'S HE MAKING SUCH LOUD WRITING SOUNDS!?
!?
カリカリカリカリカリカリカリカリ

HE'S WRITING REALLY LOUDLY.
MAYBE BECAUSE HE NORMALLY USES A BRUSH . .
.. HE CAN'T MODERATE HIS PENCIL NOISES?
KARI
SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S ESPECIALLY RARE!
I'D NEVER NOTICED THAT HE HAD A HABIT LIKE THAT BEFORE
I'LL TRY DOING IT TOO.
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, LOUD WRITING IS MY NEW PASSION.
HEH-HEH! THAT'S OUR SPEEDY HANDA!
HE'S EGGING US ON WITH THE SOUND OF HIS PENCIL.
IT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE THIS SOUND.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE...
...BUT MY PENCIL STILL KEEPS MOVING!

RIGHT NOW, THE CLASS-ROOM IS UNITED...
...IN FIGHTING ALONG WITH HANDA!

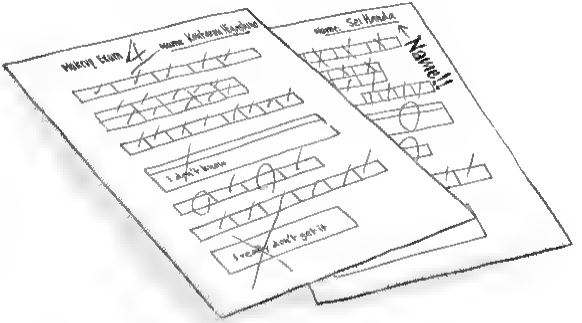

SOME-HOW...
...THEY'RE BEING EX-CESSIVELY NOISY TODAY...
KARI

OKAY, TIME'S UP!
TURN YOUR PAPERS OVER AND HAND THEM IN!
KAAN (CLANG)
KIIN (CHIME)
KOONN (CLANG)
AH!
HOW DID IT GO?
ZORO (STREAM)
HEY THERE, AIZAWA!
IT WAS REALLY FUN!
IT WAS FUN!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE NEVER SOLVED TEST PROBLEMS THIS EASILY BEFORE!
WE FOUGHT AS ONE WITH HANDA.
EH!? WHAT HAPPENED?
PLEASE EXPLAIN

THE NEXT DAY
AIZAWA, LOOK AT THIS!
WE GOT PASSING SCORES!
OHH...
IT'S THANKS TO YOU TUTORING US!
DON'T BE SILLY.
GOOD FOR YOU.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU TWO WORKED SO HARD.
BUT STILL...
...THE REASON YOU COULD UNLEASH YOUR ABILITIES WAS ALL DUE TO HANDA-KUN.
YEAH.
THAT'S TRUE
IS IT!?

WE'D THOUGHT HANDA MISSED FIRST PLACE...
...BECAUSE HE WANTED TO PRIORITIZE HIS WORK OVER STUDIES.
...BUT HE'S NOT THAT SMALL OF A MAN
HANDA-SAN CAME TO THE MAKEUP EXAM SITE HIMSELF..
...SO AS NOT TO ABANDON US DUNCES
WE SAID WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE HANDA-KUN LOSE FACE...
...BUT IT WAS HANDA-KUN WHO LOST FACE FOR OUR SAKES.
WHAT A GREAT MAN HANDA-KUN IS

TO BE CONTINUED IN HANDA-KUN


Name!!

Handa-
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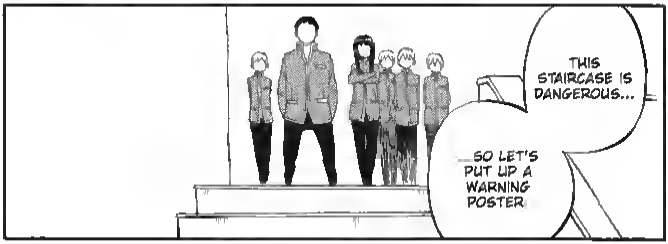
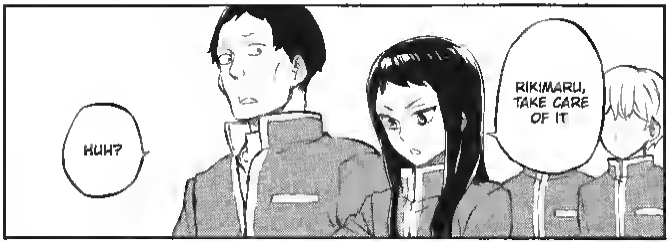
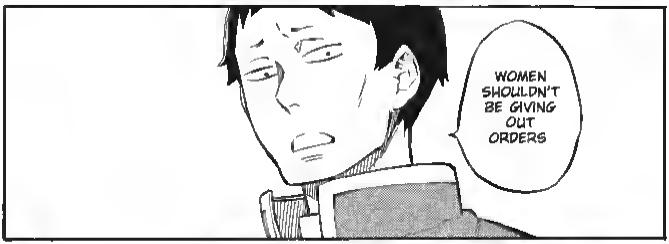
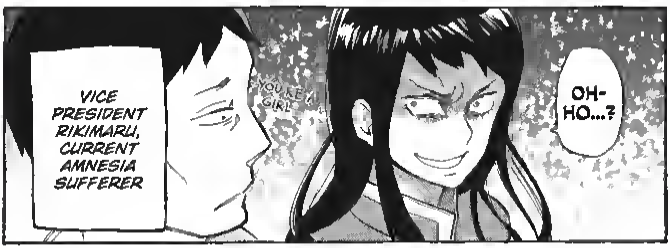
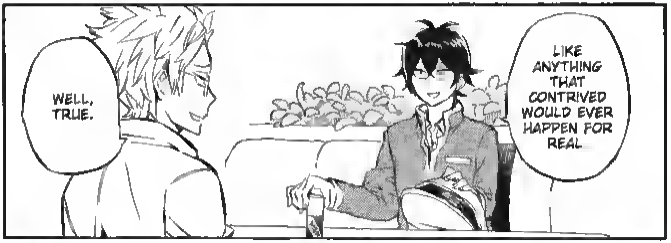

THIS STAIRCASE IS DANGEROUS...
SO LET'S PUT UP A WARNING POSTER


HUH?
RIKIMARU, TAKE CARE OF IT


WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE GIVING OUT ORDERS

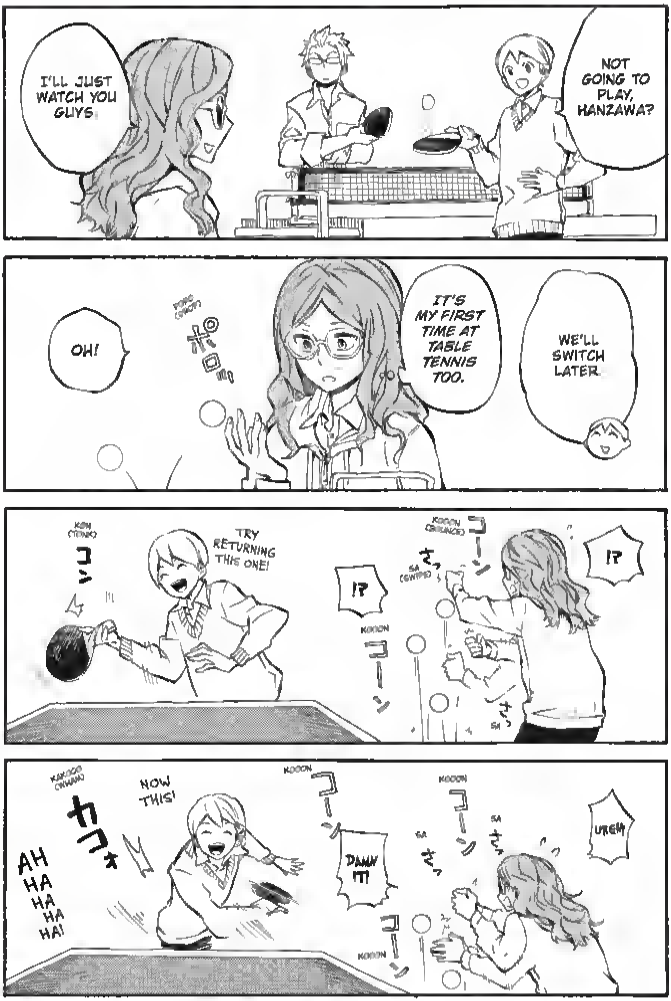

VICE PRESIDENT RIKIMARU, CURRENT AMNESIA SUFFERER
CUTE GIRL
OH-HO...?

HANDA-KUN WITH HIS MEMORY BACK



TUBE HAND LOTION

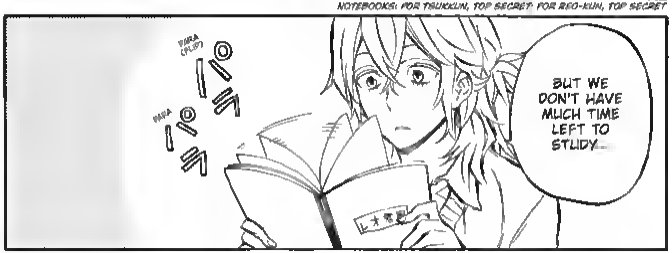
THEY ALSO PLAYED TABLE TENNIS

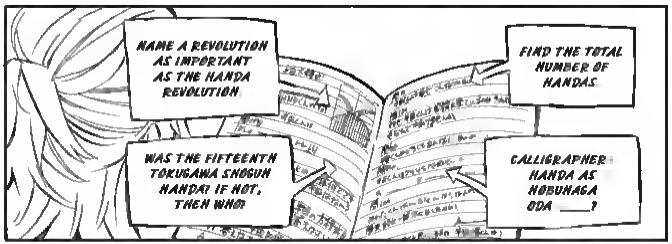


FORTUNE-TELLING GIRL'S NIGHT

AIZAWA'S NOTES FOR CERTAIN VICTORY

YOU'RE PRETTY DEPENDABLE, AIZAWA!
OOH!
I MADE UP NOTEBOOKS FOR YOU TWO WITH SOME SAMPLE TEST PROBLEMS.
NOTEBOOKS: FOR TSUKKUN, TOP SECRET. FOR REO-KUN, TOP SECRET




NAME A REVOLUTION AS IMPORTANT AS THE HANDA REVOLUTION
FIND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HANDAS
WAS THE FIFTEENTH TOKUGAWA SHOGUN HANDA? IF NOT, THEN WHO?
CALLIGRAPHER HANDA AS NOBUNAGA ODA ____?

KAWAFUJI'S TURN OF PHRASE

EH!?
WHAT BROUGHT THAT UP?
I'M GOING TO AMERICA
AFTER I GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL ..
I SEE SO YOU'RE SERIOUS, KAWAFUJI
IN AMERICA, I'LL SEE THINGS THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE
OH NO!
PLEASE, KAWAFUJI, DON'T EVER CHANGE!
TO CLINCH MY DECISION, I'LL GO GET A TATTOO OR SOMETHING
OHH...
YOU MEANT JUST A TRIP? ..
THINK THREE NIGHTS AND FIVE DAYS WOULD BE LONG ENOUGH?

DASH HIGASHINO WANTS TO GET BETTER.

TODAY'S THE DAY I CONQUER MY HND SYNDROME!
BLARGH!
THAT WAS QUICK!
BRING IT ON, FAKE HANDA!
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
YOU'LL NEVER MANAGE TO RECOVER.
JUST GIVE UP ALREADY.
YOU'RE AWFULLY ACCEPTING OF THIS...
CHECK IT OUT THERE'RE CARROTS I HAD FOR BREAKFAST IN MY BARF

HANDA-KUN'S MAKEUP EXAM ANSWERS

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the first-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate, sometimes familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-sensei: A Japanese term of respect commonly used for teachers, but can also refer to doctors, writers, and artists.

Calligraphy: Japanese calligraphy has a long history and tradition, with roots stemming from ancient China. One of the traditions carried over was the Chinese expression of the "Four Treasures," which refers to the brush, ink, paper, and inkstone used in calligraphy. Traditionally, an inkstick—solidified ink—is ground against an inkstone filled with water in order to produce ink with which to write. This time-consuming process helped to teach patience, which is important in the art of calligraphy. However, modern advances have developed a bottled liquid ink, commonly used by beginners and within the Japanese school system.

PAGE 3

Sewarka: In Japanese, the boys called Sawaka "Sabaka" from *saba* (mackerel).

PAGE 11

carnivore girls: "*Nikushoku joshi*" is an actual recent Japanese term for women who are more aggressive and demanding of sex. The contrasting term "*soushoku danshi* (herbivore boys)" refers to men who are more passive when it comes to sex. In the manga, they're depicting the girls' lust as literal gluttony for comic effect.

PAGE 31

The first hint that Honda's lost his memory and had a personality change in his unusually friendly manner. In Japanese, this is communicated by him referring to himself with a different male first-person pronoun: the more kiddish *boku* instead of his usual harsher *ore*.

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wall-bang: "*Kabe-don*" is a term that has recently been used for supposedly romantic situations, when the guy puts his arm against the wall next to the girl as a way to corner her either persuasively or hostilely. When Honda bangs his right fist, the implication is that her bow hanging from the wall like an insect...in an impossible parody pose called "*semi-don* (cicada-bang)."

PAGE 49

"Everybody hates me": In Japanese, this line is the same as in the previous panel except Honda's gone back to using first-person pronoun *ore* instead of *boku*, indicating that he's regained his memory and former personality.

PAGE 62

Man Quixote: A parody name for the Don Quixote chain of stores.

PAGE 64

"As in 'double payback'?" "Double payback (*baigaeshi*)" is a key phrase from the novel and TV series *Hanzawa Naoki*, about a banker dealing with corruption and conspiracies by his higher-ups.

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American Joke: In Japan, this refers to a joke that isn't funny and/or makes no sense. Basically a result of actual jokes by foreigners not making sense due to not having the shared cultural background, etc.

PAGE 91

Sports pecking order: School sports teams in Japan tend to be very hierarchical and militaristic, with complete obedience expected toward seniors (*senpai*).

PAGE 115

The things that Rao and Tsukkun are muttering are examples of *goroawase* mnemonics that use Japanese number syllables to turn dates, years, etc., into phrases.

"1192: Form a good country" 1192 was the start of the Kamakura period, when Minamoto no Yoritomo became the first shogun of Japan. Said as the syllables *i-i-ku-ni*, it sounds like "good country."

"Nov. 29: A good meat day" Nov. 29, i.e., 11/29, is the anniversary of the Japanese Imperial Diet first convening in 1890, and sounds like "good meat" when read out (*i-i-ni-ku*).

"If 794, it will sing." / "Kill that nightingale!" The mnemonic, "*Naku yo agaisu* (Sing nightingale) *Heian kyo*" helps Japanese to remember that the capital moved to Heian kyo (later called "Kyoto") in 794 (*sa-ku-ya*). However, Tsukkun and Rao have mixed it up with a famous anecdote that uses a different songbird to illustrate the attitudes of the three Warring States generals, Oshinnaga Oda Hideyoshi Toyotomi and Ieyasu Tokugawa. All start with "If the nucken doesn't sing (*Hototogisu nakanu nara*)..." and Oda is the one who finishes the sentence with "Kill it!"

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H, He, ... Ca. Tsukkun is actually reciting a Japanese mnemonic phrase to help remember the order of these atomic elements in the periodic table. Hydrogen is pronounced like its Japanese name "*suiso*," otherwise, they read off as:

H He Li Be B C N O F Ne Na Mg Al Si P S Cl Ar K Ca

"Suiso Litbe boku no fune, nana-magaru ships Clark ka"

(Sailor Litbe my boat spiraling ships is it Clark?)

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the Honda constellation: The connected stars emotes the honji character for "Hon," hence the Honda constellation.

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Three nights and five days: "Days" are the number of days away from home while "Nights" count the number of nights spent at a hotel for that cost. So, the "missing" night is an overnight on the plane, usually the flight from Japan to the U.S.

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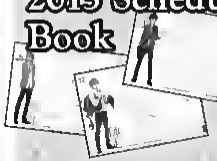

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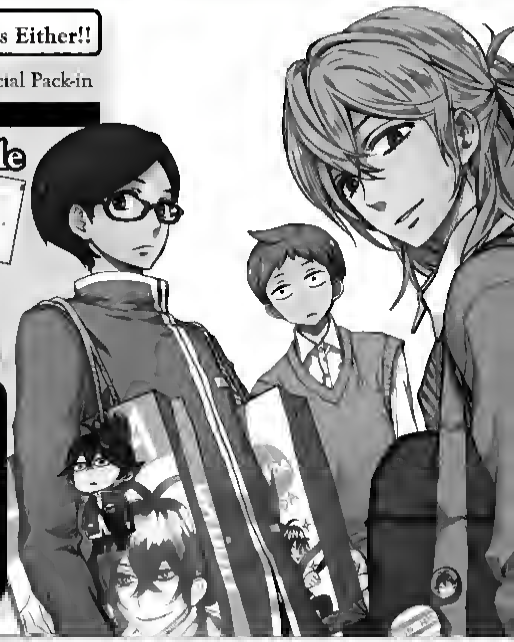

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...HE HAS GROWN UP VERY CUTELY.
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HEE HEE HEE HEH
GO AHEAD AND FAWN OVER ME!
I WONDER HOW I COULD BE PLAIN, LIKE THE ORDINARY PEOPLE...

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